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Out Of Our Minds

Crises demand student growth

World

As the start of the new decade gets underway, so do many problems which face our generation. Students have dealt this year with the fact of family members and friends going to war. Some have dealt with losing all their family possessions due to the November flood. Others dealt with the added responsibilities of merely growing up in the world of today. Yet with all this difficulties, many good ideas, projects and signs of growth have come — **Out Of Our Minds**.

Some seniors helped sort clothes for flood victims; students faced the Persian Gulf crisis in alone times, or sharing school and American pride on Veterans Day and during the war.

Life

asks much to come out of our minds

Life can become a whirlwind of activities. Extra curricular activities, work, friends, whatever.

Look at your mind as a little office. There is a boss of each department. First there's Mr. Nice. He helps you do all the nice things you do to make everyone around you think you're such a good person.

Mr. Nice's office is right next door to Mr. Jerk. You probably know that they don't get together and do lunch.

Mr. Concious is a big cheese in there too. He's the short bald guy who's always jumping up and down trying to get you to listen to things you don't want to hear. He's a great guy, of course, look where you would be without him, but he can get on your nerves sometimes. Anyway, there's a few of the biggies.

Then there are the receptionists. They greet everything at the door and send everything to where it belongs. It is their job to make sure that you're thinking of the right things at the right time.

So, the next time you catch yourself thinking about the date you had last night instead of concentrating on your math homework, you know who should be fired.

The receptionists send everything to the secretaries. Here's where the problems start. Sometimes the receptionists get busy and send so many things to the secretaries that the files get put out of order or misplaced.

The result is going to your fifth hour class when it's only second hour or showing up at soccer practice on Wednesday instead of Monday. With so much going in and out of your head sometimes you feel like it's going to explode!

But as we move into life, we learn to be sure of the good that can come — **Out Of Our Minds.**

Lisa Hepburn

John Sepiol, Ryan Jacusis, Scott Palmer and Amy Hanak live life as the future already challenges their minds.

Classes

In spite of flood and war school work continued

The year moved on incredibly. From the flood and Homecoming we soon faced the fear of war — and then war itself.

While the mood of the school had started lighthearted and full of fun, we were soon facing some of the most serious things any teens have faced in this century.

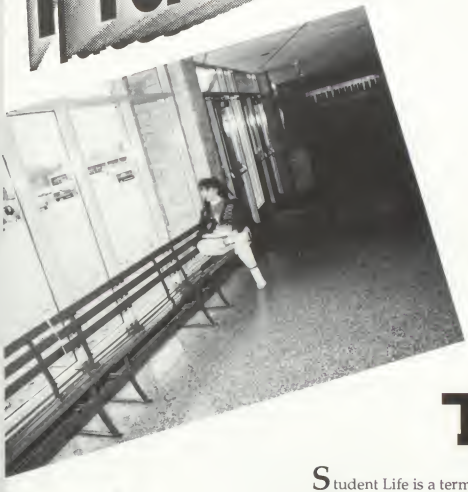
While personal tragedy touched some in the flood with the loss of home and possessions, soon everyone was caught up in the anxiety of watching American prisoners of war on television, worrying about the draft, and simply getting caught up in the day-to-day bombing and tension of a world at war.

We watched the Persian Gulf flooded by oil at the hands of Saddam Hussein, and while we tried to recycle, we wondered how anyone could destroy the life of a body of water for years to come.

Top Left, Jeff Bapst and Doug Price help clean flood ravaged homes. Left, Brian Schrock works on English.

Above, Doug Borsma, a sophomore, wears his football jersey while working in math class before a game.

Places to go and PEOPLE To See



Student Life is a term denoting this section. It's also a general term which means part of what comes *Out Of Our Minds* is all part of Highland High School student life.

From the special times such as formal dances and plays to Homecoming and Spirit Week, an important part of Student Life is taken up by just participating in school activities.

Even with war beginning in January, students tried to maintain a balance between war news and life as it goes on at Highland High.

While fears of a returning draft and television pictures of incredibly accurate missiles hitting their targets predominated, there was still time and the escape of a Friday night basketball dance, Valentine's Day, and getting ready to attend basketball sectionals at Calumet High.

Part of student life also involved working at various area businesses, and visiting area malls for entertainment, leisure time, and to purchase clothing and music.

Beyond the textbooks and the classes, student life was very healthy this year.

Alone with time to think, it is easy to sort out the possible activities and time frame of a teen's student life.

Senior Class President Shane Karwoski leads his classmates in a celebration of Hippie Day.

Senior girls join the action in the courtyard during Spirit Week festivities. Tuesday was Hippie Day.

Wigs, shades, and bellbottoms appeared from parents' closets to make the day successful.

"Like, Wow, Man!" The courtyard comes alive with chants, songs, and 60's calls for peace.

Hippie Day

Like, Wow, Man!

Spirit rises before Griffith game; Courtyard takes on 60's look

Tim Pierson and Marsha Gryzbowski give the famous peace sign. Their hair and outfits reflect the hippie era.

"There's no spirit in this school" was quickly proven wrong one day when students of all grades dressed as 1990 versions of the early 70's hippies. The clothes were the same as some of the participants' parents but worn with a whole new attitude.

During the late 60's and early 70's, the country was in turmoil between race riots far and few between each other along with demonstrations, sit ins, walkouts, and protests for world peace. It was the time when everyone came together for a single cause for everybody and not just themselves.

That era was relived on a fall day when students dressed and returned to the hippie days. "It let you feel how earlier generations felt during their struggle" says junior Brooke LaBorde, who was daring enough to dress for the day. "It was a time when everyone let their feelings be expressed without worrying about what others thought", recalls Mr. Tom Doukas, remembering earlier years.

The hippie era was definitely one to be remembered, and many students took part in remembering it during Spirit Week.

• Margie Grimmer

Shane Karowski's popularity during Hippie Day showed as he received praise from his fellow hippie friends.

Sophomore Julie Gray gets into the spirit of Homecoming with a cheering leap on the field.

STUDENT LIFE

HOMECOMING

Seniors, Trojan team highlight Superstars competition

EGG TOSS TUG-O-WAR

With Homecoming Week in full swing, each day of the week highlighted a special dress, capping the event with the traditional Blue and Gold on Friday, Game Day.

A highlight of the week was the Superstars competition, which had to be postponed because of rain. For the first time in Highland history the Superstars competition took place after the Homecoming game, which Highland lost to conference powerhouse Griffith.

Many events of Superstars are traditional, yet each year the personalities of those involved make the events unique. With the egg toss traditionally causing a few accidents and the tugs of war good for many cheers and lots of sweat, the Superstars competition finally ended on a soggy yet proud football field.

Some of the events which were won included a spirited Sophomore class, which ton all its tug of wars. The juniors beat the seniors in the tug of war, and Julie Gray and Doug Boersman won the two-legged race.

Student Council ran the Superstars competition, and Mr. Ken Bye and many teachers were on hand to supervise other events such as the wheel barrow race and the balloon toss, as well as the field goal kick.

It was a good night, even inspite of the rain and the loss.

Above Mark Sharp and Rosie Cook compete, while at the right the Trojans battle Griffith and Jason Spoljorek and Steve Popka compete in the egg toss.

Mike McCardle lends his personality to the Junior float during the Homecoming Parade.

Sophomore Mike Harwood takes a dive during Homecoming Superstar events. The events took place the night of the game.

HOMECOMING

Disney theme highlights parade; Amy Temple, Corrie Houchin reign

senior Float Wins

For the first time in a long while Homecoming had a little something for everyone, including the alumni. Rain changed the day of the parade and the school gave the okay to have a Saturday dance with Highland alumni welcome.

Parade goers enjoyed the many floats, especially the children, who liked the Disney theme. National Art Honor Society's Donald Duck and the Senior Class' Fantasia Mouse caught more than the children's eyes, they caught the judges eyes by taking first and second respectively.

The game was interrupted by the presentation of the court and the crowning of Corrie Houchin and Amy Temple as King and Queen. Court members were Jason Woodward, Alison Bogucz, Brian Guzek, Krissy Rakoczy, Marc Wohadlo, Brandy DeMaris, Neal Locasto, and Amy Golumbeck.

The competition turned into romance on Saturday. It was the first time anyone could recall Highland having a Saturday Homecoming dance. Mickey and Minnie greeted people as they entered and also served as a background for snapshots.

Homecoming '90 was unique in many ways and allowed the memories to be shared with the alumni. The coming home of alumni to go to the game and then to dance restored the meaning of Homecoming at Highland High School.

• Sean Mc Carthy

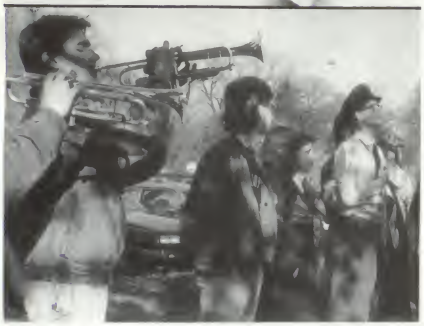
Ryan "Juice" Jacusis shows his style at the Homecoming Dance. He was later chosen Turnabout King.

Blythe Fritz, Katie Smith, Linda Montalvo, Michelle Dragus and Stephanie Quigg work the egg toss.

King Corrie Houchin and Queen Amy Temple reign. Above, Christine Delgado, Greg Bennett, Angie East and Shay DeReamer.

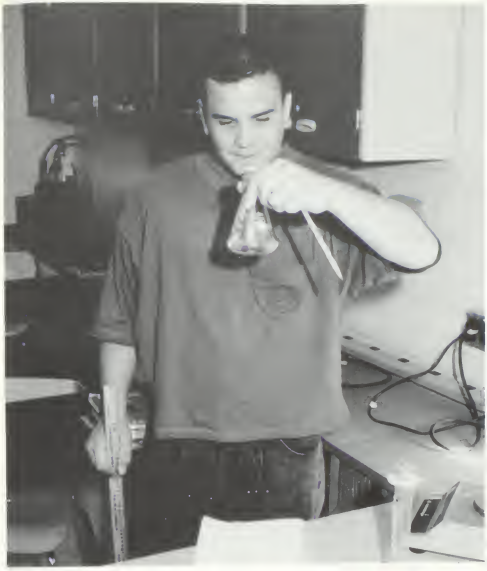
Court: Jason Woodward, Alison Bogusz, Brian Guzek, Krissy Rakoczy, Marc Wohadlo, Brandy DeMaris, Neal Locasto, Amy Temple, Corrie Houchin, Amy Golumbeck.

The Trojans line up in a losing Homecoming effort against Griffith's Panthers.



The Highland Touch shows in Kelly Egan, Scott Loane, Kim Easto, Snowflake's Cene Livingood, Dawn Fanning, Jen Curtis, and Kim Easto.

From the pensive mood of Laura Moore in English class to the senior pyramid, the touch is there.



The Highland TOUCH

When it's needed it's always there

Whether it's getting ready for a play, finishing up a major class project, working through long practices before a game, or getting into the mood of Spirit Week, there is one thing all Highlanders have in common — they've got that special Highland touch!

As the 1990-1991 school year moved on, there were many instances to show the adaptibility and flair Highland has always had. With Homecoming Week festivities cancelled and postponed because of turbulent rain, the Highland student family fell right into step. When the parade was postponed, there was no problem into moving it to the day of the game itself.

When Superstar competition was postponed also because of rain, the group which participated waited until after the game — then put in their usual spirited performances.

And with alumni welcome back for the first time in years to the Homecoming Dance, Student Council managed to restore the event to a real homecoming for those who have walked through Highland High's halls.

When the turbulent rains did more than upset Homecoming, but ruined the entire homes of students and their families as well in Wicker Park Estates, there was also evidence of the Highland touch. From working at Lincoln Center and the Town Garage to holding fund raisers and sorting clothes in the new gym, the Highland Touch was there.

Working with townspeople sorting clothes for flood victims is Highland administrator Mrs. Judy DeMuth.

Above, Nate Pierson and Tammy Kubacki show the Touch in class and in the halls.

Lisa Hepburn and Andrean's Mike Rosta say goodbye after the Natural Helper Weekend in October.

Jill Bartlett, Neal Locasto, Jackie Eaton and Lori Kocon write "pats on the back" at Natural Helper.

While Dr. Philip Cartwright opens Red Ribbon Week, his son Phil Jr. gets ready to address the crowd.

Freshman Erin Ring and junior Don Pawloski help sort clothes in the high school's new gym.

'Ask me if I give a CARE!'

As new awareness blossomed at this beginning of the new decade, Highland students were given ample opportunity to prove they had gotten beyond the" ME" Years of the 80's.

While traditional concerns such as Snowflake, Red Ribbon, and Natural Helpers called individuals to learn more about themselves as they strove to make a positive difference in the lives of others, another event challenged the best in all.

With the Highland flood and its aftermath of need and loss for so many, Hig hland students and staff not only could prove they cared. They rallied the first evening — helping feed victims, sorting and selecting clothes for the needy, and some even went to the Public Works Department garage to fill sandbags.

In times after, students continued to sort the vast amount of clothes, baby sat for victims while they arranged for emergency aid, and even helped clear out houses after the flood waters had subsided.

"There were so many things to do, and so many people needed so much, that many of us just went from one job to another, trying to fill up needs," says Scott Loane. "The next day I was tired. I wanted to know if all the needs for the time had been filled. Looking back, the best thing I did during this crisis was help organize people, and help get the word out so as many people as possible could go to help."

With Snowflake and Red Ribbon calling attention to the growing drug and alcohol crisis, an entire group of students learned not only to say no, but to help others face their problems. With sensitivity training and leadership skills part of these programs, students also learned to develop better self-esteem.

Juniors Phil Cartwright and Margaret Veslocki were instrumental in conducting the area-wide Red Ribbon kick-off rally, and both returned to Highland to spearhead the local effort in school. While some students still continued to drink and drive, or simply keep going through weekends feeling no fun could be had without alcohol, the Red Ribbon campaign did make a positive difference again this year.

With Student Council conducting another blood drive, not only many students but teachers also took time to give blood to the area Red Cross.

The Student Council Blood Drive even attracted area residents to come in and donate to the Red Cross.

One Highland High Student's SEASONAL DIARY

Class of '94

January

Brrrrr. Geez, it's cold this time of year! Only a few friendly faces from my junior high days to get me through this harsh, bitter time.

February

Well, I've grown accustomed to the cold. It doesn't seem quite as nippy. A few more newly aquired friends' smiles feed the fire's warmth.

March

OK. This is pretty cool. I'm starting to loosen up and feel accepted. The winter's frost is thawing, and so are some of the people around me.

April

It's gloomy and dreary half the time, but then it's glad to see everyone again. But I thought once freshman year was over that everything would be great. Oh well, at least I don't hear the seniors yelling "Frosh!"

May

It must be true what they say about April Showers. OK, so that's a tad cheesy, but I'm really having alot of fun lately. I'm not the "New Kid on the Block" anymore. That's good because everyone COOL hates the new kids.

June

It's June of my highschool career. I can't believe it's almost half way over!

I feel the summer's warmth pulling me to the beach and closer to the title of "upperclassman". A few more months and I'll be in the top half of the school!

Freshman Jan Orban hasn't yet discovered that eating cafeteria food may be hazardous to health.

Melanie Duper and Mike Koitch share a moment.

Dear Diary, Well, it's like this . . .

July

Mmmmm. It is HOT!!! This is beautiful. I don't feel small this year. I know where everything is. I know a lot of people. Life is sweet.

It doesn't even both me to go to school any more. The social life is great.

August

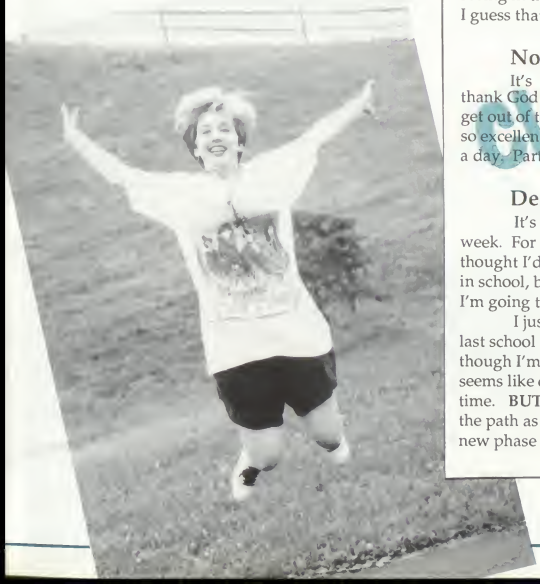
These are the dog days. With all this worrying about grades, sports, work, and SATS I feel like my head is going to explode!

September

Junior year is coming to a close. I just sit in my classes and stare at the trees blowing in the breeze. I can't wait for that wind to blow me into next year and the glory of being a senior!

A circle of senior friends get crazy during the Natural Helper weekend.

Sarah Damianiak is flying high at Meadows Park.



October

Who are these people in the halls? I was walking to first hour and just looked around. Where'd everyone I'm used to seeing in the halls go? They're all in college. I guess that's just part of being a senior.

November

It's Thanksgiving. All I can say is thank God there's only a little while before I get out of this place. College is going to be so excellent! No curfew. One or two classes a day. Partying all night.

December

It's finally over. Graduation is next week. For some reason I'm not as happy as I thought I'd be. College isn't as many hours in school, but there's **SO** much studying! I'm going to miss everyone, too.

I just took Mr. Sunny's last test. The last school lunch is around the corner, although I'm not bummin' on that. But it just seems like everything I do is for the last time. **BUT** the Christmas lights brighten the path as I move into the New Year and a new phase of life.

Once Upon A Mattress

Marriage makes a merry musical Easto, Nortman lead cast

For the Fall play this year, Highland Theatre Company produced "Once Upon a Mattress", a musical parody of "The Princess and the Pea", by Hans Christain Anderson.

The show was directed by Larry Brechner, who was assisted by his wife Carol Lynn Brechner. Mr. Craig Deets was in charge of music and pit orchestra. The show was also student directed by Andrea McPheron, assisted by Theresa Karin. Simone Betchen choreographed all dance numbers. Scenic directors were Tom Hayward and Jake McFarland.

Kim Easto portrayed the Minstrel, who narrated the show. Lori Popplewell played the talkative Queen who, with the help of the Wizard, Mike Beko, thought up unfair tests for any princesses. One of these princesses was Michelle Tucker, who wished to marry Prince Dauntless, played by Randy Nortman. Allison Bazarko and Scott Loane portrayed Lady Larken and Sir Harry who HAD to get married but couldn't until Prince Dauntless also tied the knot.

The mute King, played by Brian Sankowski, and the Jester, Jeremy Galiher, tried to help Lady Larken run away when she and Sir Harry had a fight. Leigh Lawrence portrayed Princess Winifred.

• Andrea McPheron

Above, major players on stage are: Mike Beko, Brian Sankowski, Kim Easto, Lori Popplewell, Allison Bazarko, and Scott Loane.

Randy Nortman and Leigh Lawrence sing of love, while below Jeremy Galiher is a jester.

Kim Easto sings at the left. Matt Foy and Louis Reinholdt strike a pose as palace guards.

Highland High's National Merit Semi-Finalists receive School Board congratulations: Mrs. Judy Bell, Jason Woodward,Mr. Konnie Kuiper, Mike Ray, Greg Hibbard, Mr. Harry Ranney, Linda Carlson, Mr. Larry Vassar, Simone Betchen, Mr. Burt Masepohl, andMark Loehrke.

Amber Cook and Dani Moulesong lead the Trojan Pride into theHomecoming band routine.

Mark Wohadlo, Dan Huppenthal and Tamy Kubacki enjoy lunch time on the famous senior benches.

Carla Churilla stops to check her locker during passing time. Decorations are done by her.

STUDENT LIFE

IN OUR TIME

We win, we try; we make it work

Whenever the clock chooses to mark time, the Highland student body can be found marching to its own special beat.

Whether it is the students who rank at the top of their class, such as many of the National Merit Semi-Finalists, or the students who simply do their work every day in the wood shop and auto shop, everyone fits their lives into a very special time.

Time at the senior benches is the highlight of the day for some, while looking forward to special Friday night games is a treat for others.

Many students who win academic, sports, or extra-curricular awards spend special time at School Board meetings, where they are recognized for their accomplishments. From commended students to those who have won sectional titles or academic competitions, the Highland School Board takes pride in acknowledging those who have done well.

With Dr. Renner Ventling, the new principal leading the school, and Highland's two assistant principals Dr. Linda Anast and Mr. Michael Boskovich in the halls and attending various meetings with teachers, both staff and students make the most of the time they spend at Highland High.

What comes from our minds certainly fits very nicely in our own time!

John Sorota leads some spirited band music during a Trojan game. The band is a great part of game spirit.

Scott Vasaitis dons safety goggles to work in the wood shop. Several projects are made during the year.

Ceene Livengood takes the first bite of another lunch proveded by the school cafeteria workers.

'In Your Eyes'

Junior Randy Nortman joins his date Michelle Tucker for a spin around the dance floor.

Queen Jen VanDerNoord and King Ryan "Juice" Jacusis were elected by those who attended the dance.

Jen Vandernoord & Ryan Jacusis chosen to lead HHS winter formal

Inthe great tradition of the Sadie Hawkins Dance, Highland High held its Turnabout Dance at the St. George Serbian Orthodox Hall in Schererville. Once again it was sponsored by the girls athletic program.

This year's theme was taken from superstar Peter Gabriel's hit song, "In Your Eyes", and the theme was reflected both in the decorations and in the tone of the dance.

This year's Turnabout Court consisted of Amy Golumbeck, Jen Marlow, Lori Peterson, Wende Sudlak, Jan VanDerNoord, and Katy Skinner. Jen was elected queen, while Ryan Jacusis was elected Turnabout king from the male court member who also included Phil Chick, John Cichon, Mike Rossi, Sean Czaja, and Brian Lane. Only students attending the dance voted for the king and queen.

The dance is Highland High School's winter formal, and features the girls asking boys to attend. With Coach Pam Wilson doing much of the behind-the-scenes work, the dance proved to be a special event for all who attended.

Turnabout Queen VanDerNoord has participated in volleyball and girls basketball, and also is active in the softball program.

Ryan "Juice" Jacusis was a member of the Highland Trojan football team. Ryan was a receiver for the Trojans, and helped the team to a break-even season against tough conference competition.

Turnabout features formals and suits, or evening dresses, often set off by winter white. While no snow was on the ground for this dance, the spirit was definitely festive.

A part of any good dance is the chance to get down and boogie. Here several Turnabout dancers react to the music.

Bryan Lane and Tammy Kubacki enjoy some of the music provided. Bryan was a member of the court.

Turnabout Court: Wende Sudlak, Phil Chick, Katie Skinner, Shawn Czaja, Lori Peterson, Ryan Jacusis, Jen VanDerNoord, Jen Marlow, John Cichon, Amy Golumbeck, and Bryan Lane.

Samantha Boyen and Mike Torres decide to sit out a dance, surrounded by majenta and purple balloons.

WORLD CRISIS

Saddam threatens world as Bush holds to hard line

'We have drawn a line in the sand and we will not back down'

George Bush

In one of the most tension-filled years of modern history, Highland students and staff watched in the world as U.S. President George Bush drew a line in the sands of Saudia Arabia.

With the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq President Saddam Hussein, not only was the sovereignty of a nation invaded, but world governments were threatened by invasion of Saudia Arabia and a cut-off in world oil supply.

Tension mounted steadily after the invasion in August of '90. By early December the United Nations passed a resolution setting a January 15 deadline.

When a Geneva meeting on January 9 between U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz failed to produce a solution, the stock market plumeted and world financial markets tensed.

Saddam Threatens

United Nations Secretary General Perez de Cuellar made an emergency trip to Bagdad, but Saddam held to his claim to Kuwait as part of his own country.

The world tensed.

With the Berlin Wall a memory and Communism falling apart, the world had thrilled to the new feeling of peace. Yet in months a conflict which could trigger World War III grasped the globe with a throttle hold. World leaders traveled to different countries in efforts to attain some solution to the mounting crisis.

Highland Reacts

As news of war possibilities grew more ominous, HHS students also felt the tension. Talk of bringing back the draft made a real impact on everyone. Many students wrote letters to any soldier in the Persian Gulf, and many received replies which told of the hope war could be averted, but belief it might finally come.

When the January 15 deadline finally came, the world closed its ranks against Saddam Hussein.

News from the Persian Gulf made other items seem less important, but there were still other happenings. Russia continued to fight for its life as a nation as many areas tried to reclaim their own independence.

Lech Walesa, the electrician from Gdansk who led a people's revolution through **Solidarity** became the first democratic president of Poland in years.

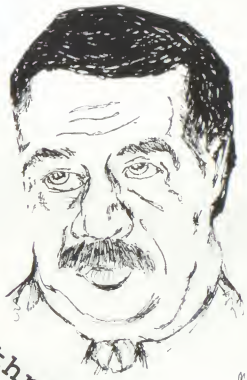
Earthquake warnings threatened the Midwest, while Margaret Thatcher left as Prime Minister of England after 12 years in office.

News from around the world reflected the change of a new decade, and all in the Highland family watched and reacted as the nation prepared to face the last years before a new century.

Geneva Talks Fail

Congress debates President's right to declare war

Talk of Bringing Back The Draft



Saddam threatens chemical warfare

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Students react to new era of global tension

The world faces war

FLOOD WORLD

Residents driven from homes; School, community respond

When the rains came the first time during the fall, a few basements got water. When they came the second time, Highland faced of of the most major crises of its history.

With the flooding of Wicker Park Estates in November of 1990, Highland was again put into the national spotlight. With not only the Chicago stastions leading off their news with the flood story, but the national media as well, Highland was forced to face the tragedy first-hand.

The waters had kept rising in Wicker Park Estates until students and their families were ordered to evacuate. In the middle of the night some were given ten minutes to collect their things. Others were forced out without even going back for pets or purses. They were taken to Lincoln Center in the early morning hours, and from then until now, their lives are not the same.

Yet Highland worked together to help. Students and townspeople filled sand bags, collected and sorted clothes, gathered and served food, and helped clear out homes damaged by the flood. The many members of Key Club were at Lincoln Center almost around the clock, helping people find clothes, baby sitting, or just listening. "It's sad to see that it takes a national disaster for people to come together," says Key Club president Amy Temple. "But it is good how everyone in Highland forgot about their own problems and came together to help."

Business showed the true spirit of Christmas by donating food, applicances, clothing and furniture. Many benefits were also held for the flood victims, including a fish fry, a comedy show, and a song benefit. Many collections were also taken throughout the school and town.

Proceeds from a Friday night basketball game and a Key Club dance were given to the Flood Victims Emergency Relief Fund, with the gate from the game totalling over $1,000. Students from neighboring Griffith High even collected funds and donated $500 to the cause.

After helping to sort the mounds of clothes which were collected for the flood victims, some students were also on hand to help with the huge Highland Garage Sale. At this, the leftover clothing was sold, and money given to the emergeny relief fund.

The flood brought a flood of good, as well.

***Trojanal* editor Scott Loane helps sort hangers and clothes for the flood victims in the new gym.**

Many of the clothes and shoes donated for flood victims came to the new gym, where a major sorting job ensured.

Jessica Stern, shown sorting toys, spent long hours at Lincoln Center helping flood-ravaged families.

Senior Class President Shane Karwoski, as well as Shawn Tamauskas and Tracy Repking, sorted clothes.

WORLD

As Highland volunteers filled sand bags and students sorted clothing, the flood dominated local news.

Below, Highland students volunteered to don PCB suits and help clear out flood-ravaged homes in Wick Park .

Right, Administrator Mrs. Judith DeMuth joins volunteers before the Highland Garage Sale.

AREA WORLD

Herak wins county seat; area responds to flood victims

This year, HHS itself underwent quite a few changes. Highland High School spent its first year with Dr. Renner Ventling as principal.

The Trojans also adopted a new assistant principal, Mrs. Linda Anast, who became Dr. Anast in October. These newcomerss and assistant principal Michael Boskovich began the year with an all school assembly in Monbeck Auditorium. This was the first time such an event happened in over twenty years at the school.

This administration team was instrumental in several other new developments. Every second Wednesdaay, some of the student leaders could be sitting with Dr. Ventling at a meeting of the "Presidents' Council". Improved student relations resulted in such things as the return of alumni to the homecoming dance; yet another first for Highland.

Later in the year, the school board made a major revision in school policy. Highland students were given the notice that anyone who attends a school activity under the influence or in posession of alcohol will be expelled.

The school board was also busy setting goals for the future. The school board adopted the *Focus '90* program. This a plan to raise the SAT scores by five points per year until the year 2000 and to provide Highland's "At Risk" students with better assistance. Part of this plan was the adoption of the SAT 1600 classes run by a professional tutoring company.

Occasionally it seemed a bit hard to find a teacher after school this year. They weren't hiding; they were meeting with their North Central Accreditation committees. These committees examined to order to form a report on them to the state accreditation committee.

In Feburary, the school was visited by a group of professional educators, who examined the school and made recommendations for improvement as part of the North Central accreditation program. The school also took part in on performance based on accreditation program which analyzed each individual at Highland High School and made recommendations for improvements.

Contrary to popular belief, life even continues outside the walls of HHS. The town of Highland underwent a large construction project along one of its main roads. Kennedy Ave. spent several months covered in blinkers and orange cones as much of its length was expanded to include two more lanes and turn lanes at all the major intersections.

Plans for the renovation of the school also began. Teachers and staff were asked to give their requests for space and needs to architects who will design the newly renovated school. This renovation will take place over a two year period, with the junior high also participating.

The entire Calumet Area was shaken on Oct. 30 when an unknown person began a shooting spree in Griffith. The shotgun killer left seven people dead and several others wounded by December. This left area residents watching their neighbors as police searched for a clean-shaven man wearing a trenchcoat and driving a white compact car.

In November, local government experienced a few changes. Mark Herak was successful in winning the office of county councilman. Herak resigned his position in the town council to take his new job in Crown Point.

Scott Loane

PRIDE

When it comes from good it's good to have

A group of lions is referred to as a pride. This is, however, more than a name. These prides are tight knit groups that survive only through inter dependence. Each member must perform its individual task, no exceptions.

There is a similar pride at Highland High. The teachers and administrators take pride in their jobs. They make every effort to see that Highland High students are given the best possible education.

The athletic teams take pride in their efforts. They work hard to improve their minds and bodies so that when the time comes, they can perform with the excellence expected in Trojan country.

Pride can be seen in our clubs also. Each of them strives continually to complete new challenges. From Key Club to Student Council, members strive to show the community they care.

Pride such as this must continue to exist. It must grow if the human race wishes to survive as the lions — with majesty and courage.

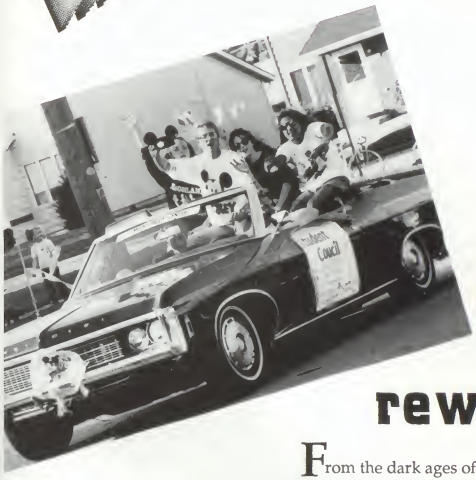
• Scott Loane

There is pride of planning the future with Mrs. Giddings and representing classmates, as Brandy DeMaris, Amy Golumbeck, Amy Temple and Neal Locasto.

From Snowflake to Red Ribbon Week, Becky Bailes knows the pride of working for a good cause.

Seniors John Hillard and Debbie Figley know the pride of accomplishment after long hours of practice.

With commitment the OUTCOME IS rewarding



From the dark ages of Dungeons and Dragons to the present day Snowflake, clubs have played a big role .

This year the clubs have exhibited both strong leadership and increased membership.They clubs are both achieving their goals and leaving a memorable legacy in their wake.

Membership in a club has many benefits. Not only do they allow one to share interests with others, but students also discover new interests.

Clubs are also instrumental in developing social skills, which benefit both the college-bound and those about to enter the world.

Students are often confused about who they are and who they want to be. Clubs play an active role in helping us decide who we are, as well as who we are not. They present us with opportunity to meet new people and get to know ourselves better.

• Amy Temple

Student Council officers greeting the Homecoming crowd are Patti Olson, Sean McCarthy, Simone Betchen, and Jeanette Michalak, with Mrs. Joan Ray.

Valedictorian Simone Betchen

Academic Top Ten 1990-1991

Simone Betchen
Jason Woodward
Daniel Schocke
Linda Carlson
Brian Poi
James LaSota
Greg Hibbard
John Sorota
Kevin Elo
Michael Pawlowski

'I believe in my ability to succeed, because I believe there is excellence within me, waiting for my acceptance of the challenge, and my motivation to give myself to a cause I deem worthy of what I can give.'

Salutatorian Jason Woodward

Simone Betchen, Jason Woodward lead 1991 HHS Graduating Class

Six National Merit Finalists

While many students won honors throughout the year, Simone Betchen and Jason Woodward graduated with the top honors -- as valedictorian and salutatorian of their senior class.

Also highly honored, the school's largest number of students were named National Merit Finalists. Greg Hibbard, Mike Ray, Simone Betchen, Linda Carlson, Mark Loehrke and Jason Woodward all scored in the top 1% of the nation.

These students took the PSAT earlier in their junior year, and ranked in the 97th and above percentile. All of these students are active in the school. Linda Carlson is on the ITAC team, NHS, German National Honor Society and Club.

Simone Betchen is speech president, involved in theatre, Thespian Society, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, is treasurer of the Student Council, and is on the tennis team.

Mike Ray is a leader on the soccer team, is in Spanish Honor Society, Key Club, and in National Honor Society.

Mark Loehrke is an active member of band, tennis, German Honor Society, German Club and National Honor Society.

Jason Woodward is on the football, baseball and basketball teams, is in Spanish Honor and National Honor Societies, and is in Key club.

Greg Hibbard is also a member of the National Honor Society.

All these students have backed up these outstanding achivements with an SAT of over 1300. These students have been a valuable asset to the student body and a credit to their class.

Meriting the academic distinction of top ten status in their class, students have also won honors. Simone Betchen won the valedictorian honor by placing first in her class, followed by Jason Woodward. Daniel Schocke was third in the Class of 1991, followed by Linda Carlson, Brian Poi, James LaSota, Greg Hibbard, John Sorota, Kevin Elo, and Michael Pawlowski.

• **Jill Bartlett**

National Merit Finalists: Linda Woodward, Mark Loehrke, Michael Carlson, Simone Betchen, Jason Ray, Gregory Hibbard

Mentor Program

'The experience we get in this program is phenomenal'

The Mentor Program which has served as an after school activity has just this year been incorporated as a sixth hour class.

Having the class sixth hour allows the student to be excused at 1:55 P.M., in order to travel to the mentoring site.

Mentor Classroom is a gifted program and the students selected to participate must be in the top 10% of the junior or senior class according to their G.P.A.

Students shadow a professional person in a students chosen field of interest. Students this year are sharing experiences with lawyers, doctors, hotel managers, physical therapists, a pilot and a chemist.

Students have classroom assignments and logs to record their activities, and are sponsored by Mr. Herb Schmidt and Mrs. Joan Ray.

These students report valuable experience learned through the Mentor Program, and say they are very glad they had the opportunity to participate in it.

Above, Bob Camadeca was one of Highland's Police Program participants. He worked with Officer Linda Koitch and Mrs. Joan Ray.

Mentor students: Row 1: E. Nielson, P. Kovach, A. Ferko, D. Sellis. Row 2: M. Wohadlo, B. Lane, M. Billadeau, D. Nagel, Sponsor Mrs. Joan Ray. Row 3: J. Sepiol, Sponsor Mr. Herb Schmidt.

Mentor

CLUBS

Police Mentor
Students learn law enforcement

The Highland High School Police Program was initiated three years ago because of the large interest in the school poopulation for the area of law enforcement.

Highland Police Officer Linda Koitch has served all three years as the mentor for this group. She has worked hard with school police, and area officials to make the program interesting to both men and women.

Different aspects of the program have ranged from a rap session with local police officers to an aquatics demonstration in the high school pool.

Senior bob Camadeca feels the program has been successful for him. "It opens more opportunites to high school students about careers in law.What I liked best about the program was the learning experience that Officer Koitch and Mrs. Ray offered throughout the program."

Students who have good attendance have a chance of receiving a scholarship to attend police Camp at Indiana State University in June.

• Mrs. Joan Ray

Patti Kovach has been working with Physical Therapist Bob Giordano of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer.

Officers of Quill & Scoll, a journalism honor society for high school students, are Brian Modjeski, Lisa Hepburn, Mark Sharp, Phil Chick, Scott Loane, Krysten Schneider, and Karen Ondas.

Quill & Scroll

Foreign Language CLUBS

German Honor: Row 1: T. Bazarko, R. Reynolds, M. Loehfrke, J. Echlin, K. Skinner, T. Replking, A. Bazarko, Row 2: Frau Rogers, M. Schneider, S. Palmer, T. Uzelac, P. Olson, E. Nielson, T. Zimmerman, B. Poi, J. Abbot, A. Cook. Row 3: S. Housler, K. Nielson, L. Carson.

German Club Row 1: P. Olson, T. Bazarko, M. Mordus, J. Abbott, K. Hoiod, Row 2: M. Deleget, R. Reynolds, M. Loehrke, J. Echlin, K. Skinner, T. Repking, A. Bazarko,Row 3: Frau Rogers, M. Nackman, A. Goodsen, A. Cook. B. Barrett, J. Zaborowski, M. Zakrzacki, Row 4: M. Schneider, S. Palmer, S. Housler, E. Nielson, K. Nielson, B. Poi, I. Limoncu, L. Carlson, H. Fenstermaker

Spanish Club: Row 1: S. Yadron, A. Garmon, S. Moreno, C. Quinn, T. Tauber, C. Deldado, M. Dragus, J. Heitsing, M. Castillo. Row 2: A. Bogusz, P. Mendoza, J. Hayes, Z. Isa, S. Chong, D. Cabrera. T. Frankowicz, K. Kingen, A. Gill, K. Smith, J. Kruger, M. Heitsing, S. Colter. Row 3: Mrs. Poropat, D. Amanatidis, O. Cotiango, C. Rummery, L. Escobeda, C. Gilbert, J. Hoerring, J. Woodward, M. Graziani, E. Rockliff, T. Loscalzo, D. Kaczka, T. Bandura, S. Quigg, B. McKay, J. Wincoop.

Spanish Honor: Row 1: E. Ecsy, J. Reichmuth, S. Demaris, C. Quinn, M. Castillo, C. Delgado, T. Tauber, A. Pagan, J. Heitsing. Row 2: L. Kocon, J. Matulis, A. Bogusz, J. Hoerring, S. Chong, D. Cabrerra, D. Reighmuth, D. Kingen, A. Gill, K. Smith, S. Colter.3: K. Elo, M. Rybicki, J. Quagg, B. Modjeski, D. Amanatidis, J. Woodward, M. Graziani, E. Rockliff, T. Loscalzo, J. Krueger, M. Oliver, S. Quigg, B. Labus. 4: J. Woodward, C. Gilbert, M. Laciak, K. Hullinger, T. Czysczon, J. Winkoop, M. Jasaitis.

Caring means the same in any language

Foreign Language clubs give varied opportunities

Hola! Bonjour! Guten tag!

These are familar phrases heard in the halls of the foreign language wing. Most underclassmen take two years of a chosen language because this is one of the requirements for college.

And with language class behind them, many students choose to join either the Spanish, German, or French clubs. This not only gives more opportunity to learn the language and culture, it also gives students a chance to share.

In addition to the language clubs, some students merit membership in the language honor societies. For this students need a B+ average in language grades for three semesters.

Membership in the Foreign Language clubs gives students a chance for many activities. Spanish Honor Society went to Chi Chi's for a meal during the year, and other students traveled to Chicago to witness cultural activities.

Mrs. Certa organized a visit from French students who live outside Paris. They came to the school for a day, and in addition to learning about Highland, they studied some of the computer setups in Highland High School. They gave special attending to the CAD drawing system in architecture class, and the desktop publishing system used by the journalism and publication classes.

Mrs. Mary Certa, French Club sponsor, works with students during a cooking experiment. She is a former Teacher of the Year and has traveled extensively in France, where she has become an expert on French culture and education.

French Club Row 1: K. McDonald, H. Fenstermaker, J. Keightly, S. Chong, C. Dasgupta, D. Kingen, M. Bright, J. Gray, M. Browen. Row 2: Mrs. Mary Certa, G. Ellis, A. Betchen, L. Miller, S. Campbell, C. Berda, M. Rosach, A. Testolin, P. Zoeteman, M. Veslocki, H. Oprea, A. Finn, R. Summers. Row 3: A. Korem, K. Kallen, M. Castillo, M. Branson, P. Linden, A. Hook. V. Tabor.

French Honor: Row 1: S. Betchen, H. Fenstermaker, J. Keightly,. S. Chong, C. Dasgupta, D. Kingen, M. Bright, C. Hood, S. Adad. Row 2: S. Boyen, J. Campbell, G. Ellis, M. Branson, J. Michalak, A. Testolin, M. Veslocki, A. Goodson, E. Galosich, M. Bowen Row 3: S. Loane, N. Sorota, M. Castillo, M. Branson, P. Linden, A. Hook, V. Tabor, A. Gill.

Academic Decathlon

Team takes first in division; scores best rating ever in regional competition

Learn all day in school. Do homework afterwards and night. Go back to school and get taught some more. Stay after in Room 34 or go to the lecture room and get inside a huge balloon that's supposed to be the sky above the clouds.

One time Mr. Chapman taught all about the stars, constellations, and galaxies. There was more learning and studying for the Highland Academic Decathlon Team. Ten fields of study to learn in five months led to competition with the other schools in the region. Subjects included English and literature, Math, Social Science, Fine Arts, Economics, and Science.

A speech, interview, and the final Super Quiz are also part of competition. This year's Super Quiz dealt with space exploration.

Members of the teams were categorized into three levels. Kevin Elo, Michael Pawlowski, and Brian Poi were Honors participants, while Russell Ceperich, Zeanna Isa, and Gino Maver served on the Varsity level. Chandra Dasgupta and Mark Nackman were on the Scholastic level. Marcus Billadeau and Georgia Domsich were alternates.

Ms. Paddock was the sponsor, devoting much time to help the group. The team placed third this year out of the twelve schools that participated, but first in their division. They captured medals in eight out of the ten subjects.

• **Georgia Domsich**

Medal Winners

M. Nackman, Golds in Speech, Language, Lit., Bronze in Interview.
B. Poi, Golds in Essay and Math.
C. Dasgupta, Bronze in Econ.
G. Maver, Gold in Social Science.

Senior Chandra Dasgupta looks confident as she prepares to take her seat prior to the Super Quiz.

Highland's Brian Poi, Russ Ceperich, Gino Maver and Zeanna Isa get ready for the day-ending Super Quiz.

After competing in individual events, Gino Maver, Zeanna Isa, Brian Poi, Chandra Dasgupta, Georgia Domsich, Russ Ceperich, Kevin Elo, Mark Nackman, and Marcus Billadeau rest.

Academic Decathlon: Row 1: Coach Tamara Paddock, Zeanna Isa, Chandra Dasgupta, Russ Ceperich, Gino Maver. Row 2: Kevin Elo, Mark Nackman, Georgia Domsich, Mike Pawlowski.

Chandra Dasgupta and Mark Nackman receive their awards after helping Highland achieve its highest rating.

National Honor CLUBS Society

National Honor Society

From honor status to serving others, NHS makes impact on Highland

Another club that gets recognition is NHS — the National Honor Society, which is sponsored by faculty member Mrs. Judith Musselman.

NHS is an elite group of students who are chosen as members by their grade point average, poise, leadership qualities, and school and community activities.

NHS does a number of things for the people around them. They have after school tutoring sessions, car washes, and many food drives throughout the year. The group is also active in other school events.

This year's officers are: Mike Ray, President; Kevin Elo, Vice President; Brandy DeMaris, Secretary; and Jason Woodward, Treasurer. Caryn Challman and Becky Mastey represent NHS for interclub of Student Council. Georgia Domsich serves as the alternate.

National Honor Society, as part of a national honor network, serves to remind students that good grades, achievement, and productivity do bring rewards.

• Georgia Domsich

Left: NHS sponsor Mrs. Judith Musselman. Below: National Hornor Society: Row 1: C. Dresden, D. Caberera, A. Golumbeck, M. Ray, A. Bogusz, D. Kingen, J. Michalak Row 2: D. Garmon, T. Loscalzo, T. Karin, M. Palowski, M. Billedeau, J. Keightly, S. McCarthy, J. Herring, A. Gil, M. Bowen, J. Petska.

FHA Learning old values with new ideas for living in the modern world

Highland's Future Homemakers of America Chapter has become a champion chapter by quadrupling its membership size from 5 to 21 members in one year.

Although there is only one male member, sponsor Mrs. Larsen stresses that she gladly welcomes male members and looks forward to having more of them in the future.

F.H.A. sponsored the largest attended dance at Highland, where they held a lip sync contest. They hope to make it an annual event. In April they attended the state convention in Indianappolis where ten members competed.

The club was awarded the Champion Chapter award for membership increase and the award for the largest growth in the State.

Individual event winners were Sandy Stasny, Silver Medal in Interior Design; Tricia Mulcahy, Silver Medal in Family Communications; Olivia Cotiango, Jennifer Butler Bronze Medal in Child Care Learning Pac; Deb Camp and Carrie Raudonin Silver Medal in Child Care Circle Tone.

Future club plans include becoming more involved in more community activities, such as the latch key program.

This year's officers were President, Tricia Mulcahy; Vice President, Erin McGroarty; Secretary, Jenn Orsag; Treasurer, Ceene Livengood; Student Council Rep. Carra Berda; Social Chair, Kory Berda; PR, Jenn Jarmula.

• Renetta Kuykendall

FHA: Row 1: C. Livengood, J. Orsag, T. Mulcahy, Ms. Brenda Larsen, K. Berda, L.Tucker, O. Cotiango. Row 2: D. Camp, C. Raudonis, S. Stasny, K. Rumery, J. Butter, J. Jarmula, M.J. Rozanski.

FHA Indianapolis Conference: Row 1. O. Cotiango, K. Berda, T. Mulcahy, J. Butler. Row 2. Ms. Larson, J. Orsag, L. Tucker. Row 3. S. Stasny, K. Rumeny, C. Rauonis, D. Camp. These students competed at the conference, and many took medals in the individual events.

SC officers Sean McCarthy and Scott Loane help sort clothes for flood victims. Below, blood drive workers.

SC Officers: Jeanette Michalak, Patti Olson, Simone Betchen, President Sean McCarthy, Scott Loane.Below: Scott Loane works at flood victims' lunch room.

Student Council —
Sean McCarthy leads student leaders through year's activities

As the Student Council goes, so goes the school. Of all organizations at Highland, the Student Council remains the most vital. With representatives from all other clubs in its membership, the council sets the tone of action and attitude in the school.

This year's council was led by Sean McCarthy, who showed a lot of dedication and student awareness. Other officers were Scott Loane, vice president; Alison Bogusz, recording secretary, Patti Olson, corresponding secretary; Simone Betchen, treasurer, and Jeanette Michalak, parliamentarian. Miss Debra Pullins and Mrs. Rose Ceperich were advisers.

In addition to organizing the new Homecoming, the council sponsored two blood drives this year. They also held a leadership lock-in, a spaghetti dinner, and had a welcoming tea for the North Central Accreditation visiting educational team.

Letters to servicemen in the Persian Gulf were sent before, during and after the war, and holidays were observed with caroling and Easter-Grams.

The Student Council also oversaw the elections of all class officers, and sponsored a Teacher Appreciation Week. In addition, the council conducted a Halloween party for faculty and staff members.

MembersDean Sellis, Tom Hayward, Lisa Hepburn and Scott Loane in a Highland parade.

Officers Simone Betchen and Jeanette Michalak listen to discussions during a council meeting.

Above, Student Council members listen to a member's opinion. They are the leaders of the school.

Student CLUBS Council

Key Club

"Caring is the way of life for all our members'

Amy Temple

Every club has something unique about it. It may be a group of students who speak a foreign language, or who likes to act, or who is against drugs.

What is unique about Key Club is that it's a mixture of all of these characteristics. The one thing Key club members all have in common is they care and want to help others.

This year's Key Club has not only tripled in membership to 104 members, but has tripled in activities. Besides doing their traditional activities such as the Kiwanis Peanut Day and Pancake Breakfast, taking pumpkins to the Childrens' Hospitals and Nursing Homes, and Teacher Appreciation week, Key Club introduced a lot of new activities.

In November the members went through the neighborhood collecting food and clothing items for Cape's House, a half way home in Hammond.

After the flood happened in December, Key Club not only volunteered a lot of time, they had several fund raisers to help out the flood victims. Their biggest flood fund raiser was co-sponsoring a fish fry which raised $4,000.

In January the club made 4,000 ribbons for all the students and faculty in Highland in support of the American soldiers in the Persian Gulf. They also hung yellow ribbons on all the trees in front of each Highland public school.

Members coached a handicap basketball team all through winter.

The club's last activity was the second annual Bike AThon. All the proceeds from the Bike A Thon were donated to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennesee.

• Amy Temple

Helping in the kitchen the first night after Highland's tragic flood, Charissa Dresden slices tomatoes.

Senior Laura Vanderwall helps clean up during the Kiwanis breakfast. This event was held October 27.

Key Club Officers are treasurer Jen Echlin, President Amy Temple, secretary Charissa Dresden, and vice-president Marcus Billadeau.

Below, left, Amy Golumbeck works on dinner in the Lincoln Center kitchen the evening after the flood.

Riding on the Key Club truck, Julie Campbell, Mary Keaton and Candi Kane join the Homecoming Parade.

Load papers for the school paper drive, Marsha Grzybowksi and Kristen Almy fill Mrs. Ray's car trunk.

Snowflake

'This program has been a very positive influence.'

Jessica Stern

As did many other clubs this year, Snowflake has also grown in membership. It's the club's third year and it's becoming more and more successful.

Throughout the school year members of the High School Snowflake staff attended various snowball programs around the state. Snowball is a weekend where participants not only learn more about the drug situation, but learn more about themselves. People accept you for who you are, and in the process you make new friends. "Snowball has been a positive influence in my life", states Jessica Stern. "The friends you make there are forever."

The main reason members attend Snowball programs is to prepare for the Junior High version of Snowball, "Snowflake". The overnight lock-in took place in the Highland Junior High School April 19-20. During the weekend Junior High students from Highland, Munster, and Griffith came together to express their support about enjoying life without the use of drugs. They discussed their personal views concerning fears about growing up in today's society.

Snowflake is sponsored by Mrs. Corally McCann and Mrs. JoAnn Thompson. It is staffed by the High School members of *Snowflake*. This year's teen coordinators were Sean McCarthy, Margret Veslocki, and Theresa Karin.

• **Amy Temple**

Top Left: Carrie Trembicki and Ceene Livengood find comfort in a hug at an after school meeting of *Snowflake*.

Above, Dawn Fanning , Ceene Linvengood, Theresa Karin, and Carrie Trembicki participate in a *Snowflake* activity.

Theresa Karin joins Jessica Stern, Kim Easto, Ceene Livengood and Carrie Trembicki in a Snowflake singalong.

Dr. Philip Cartwright, Highland Superintendent, helps open Red Ribbon Week at Calumet High School.

Red Ribbon

'We need everyone's help to win the drug battle'

Phil Cartwright

Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide effort to help young people determine to be drug-free.

With local businesses helping all across the country, various events have been held. This year Red Ribbon Week began on Sunday, October 21. There was a local kick off ceremony at Calumet High School on Sunday, October 21, with Dr. Philip Cartwright, Phil Cartwright and Margaret Veslocki in attendance.

Members of the High School Snowflake staff decorated the school and community with red ribbons. Many classrooms displayed red ribbons on their doors or as part of classroom decoration.

Snowflake members also sponsored a campaign for students in the school to pledge for a drug free life style. Phil Cartwright, Co Chairman of the Red Ribbon Committee, stated," Red Ribbon Week was a success, however we do need the help of everyone to win the battle against drugs and alcohol."

Margaret Veslocki also helped head the Red Ribbon Campaign. Dr. Phillip E. Cartwright, Highland Superintendent of Schools, is a leader in Northwest Indiana Red Ribbon activities.

Prior to the Red RibbonWeek, members of the football team wore red arm bands to show their support in a life without drugs.

• Amy Temple

Making a video of *Snowflake* are Pete Sedrak, Joe Doerr, and Patti Linden. Ceene Livengood awaits instructions.

Red Ribbon teen leader Margaret Veslocki helps Jessica Stern make ribbons at the week's beginning.

Jill Bartlett, Neal Locasto, Jackie Eaton and Lori Kocon share thoughts with a pat on the back.

Top, Tom Frankiewicz and Stephanie Pontow share their thoughts on friendship.

Team leaders Lisa Hepburn and Sean McCarthy add pieces to the puzzles of themselves.

During the weekend Brandy DeMaris and Lisa Hunter add pieces to their own puzzles.

'It's hard to explain . . .

Natural Helper program in second year

"The Natural Helper weekend was designed to help students learn more about themselves. This is to ultimately help them learn more about how to listen to others and help others in a more productive manner." Mike Rosta, the Natural Helper counselor from Andrean explained.

The Natural Helper program was first tested at Highland last year with huge success. The vast majority of people underwent a slight change over the weekend. If they didn't learn more about themselves, they certainly learned more about other people.

"It's hard to explain, but it's just really weird how everyone seems to open up and gel together over the weekend. I couldn't see that happening any other way." Junior Tom Frankiewicz said after experiencing the weekend.

Sean McCarthy, one of the team leaders who had already been through it before said, "For the most part, the cliques you usually see in school don't exist. There's a lot of people that aren't the way I thought they were. You learn about other people and to keep an open mind."

Natural Helpers are chosen be a peer poll of friends people feel they can turn to with problems. After the weekend these students are better prepared to deal with and help others.

The first outing of the 90-91 season was a huge success. The agenda was basically the same as last year, but the team leaders putting it together and the students involved in the weekend made it unique.

Miss Olivotto, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. McCann are involved with this program.

• Lisa Hepburn

Waiting to leave at the end of the experience, new and old friends share quality time together.

The Day After...

"I thought it was a great experience because during the weekend all the cliques dissolve; everybody is equal." **-Jackie Eaton**

"The weekend made me realize the importance of my friends. Even if I don't talk to them all the time I know they will always be there." **-Patti Kovach**

" I got to know people I really never talked to. I got to know myself, which made me feel real good. In school everybody has a front, a mask that covers their real self. I learned this weekend not to judge a book by it's cover." **-J.P. Miksis**

"I learned a lot of valuable information in order to help others." **-Georgia Domsich**

"I learned so much about myself and other people." **-Mark Sharp**

"It was good because I got to know people that I don't normally talk to. And those I did know, I realized I really didn't know them." **-Sean McCarthy**

NATURAL CLUBS HELPERS

Season ends with musical Mame

Mr. Craig Deets leads Craig Barton, Chris DeVries and Jen Curtis in song at the Christmas Party.

Auditorium: Row 1: L. Ecsy, C. Banas, S. Pontow, B. Miller, A. McPheron, D. Sellis, K. Hester, J. DeVries, R. Nortman, K. Trembicki. Row 2: A. Cook, A. Garmon, C. Linder, R. Brosseau, M. Miller, C. Barton, K. Haake, J. Stern, K. Knoles, S. Betchen, M. Simpson, D. Fanning, C. Kane. Row 3: M. Elo, C. Penwell, J. Curtis, K. Easto, M. McManus, J. McFarlend, L. Abraham, D. Karin, T. Latko, M. Tucker, C. DeVries, K. Taylor. Row 4: A. Martinez, J. Campbell, S. McCarthy, S. Loane, T. Hayward, J. Galiher, B. Beanblossom, J. Kaminski, B. Sankowski, K. Gaskey, B. Hayward.

Highland Theatre Company: Row 1: D. Fanning, A. Cook, M. Beko, A. McPheron, A. Bazarko, C. Barton, K. MacDonald, C. Machnikowski. Row 2: A. Panicucci, R. Brosseau, S. Pontow, S. McCarthy, J. DeVries, K. Knoles, M. Simpson, S. Betchen, L. Lawrence, C. Kane, J. Stern. Row 3: L. Popplewell, B. Miller, C. Banas, M. Tucker, L. Ecsy, J. McFarland, J. Campbell, T. Karin, C. DeVries, S. Loane, D. Sellis, B. Beanblossom, R. Nortman, T. Hayward, B. Hayward, M. Miller.

HTC, Aud

Behind the scenes or in front of the lights, students work for professional quality

They don't all appear on the stage, and they don't always get the bows they deserve, but members of the Highland Theatre Company and the Auditorium staff are full of dedication.

The auditorium group is broken into Thespians, members of the Highland Theatre Company and auditorium staff. They all work together to put on plays and musicals. Many also work in the auditorium on lighting, sound, and ushering for various activities which take place throughout the year in the auditorium.

House Officers: Row 1: A. McPheron, D. Sellis, Row 2: J. McFarland, B. Miller, T. Hayward. Row 3: K. Knoles, T. Karin, B. Beanblossom.

These year's Auditorium staff was led by Andrea McPheron, Dean Sellis, Jake McFarland, Barbie Miller, Tom Hayward, Kristin Knoles, Theresa Karin, and Brian Beanblossom.

Highland Theatre Company officers were Theresa Karin, Scott Loane, and Andrea McPheron.

Amont the productions this year were the fall musical, *Once Upon A Mattress*, the winter play, *Noises Off*, which was directed by Scott Loane, and the spring musical *Mame*, which starred Leigh Lawrence in the title role. In addition, members of this group were involved in year-long activities which culminated in their award banquet in June.

With this group there is always something happening, and it usually quality performance.

Auditorium Executives: Theresa Karin, Scott Loane, and Andrea McPheron. All are active in HTC.

Scott Loane, Dawn Fanning, Theresa Karin and Ruthanne Brosseau join voices to celebrate the Christmas season.

Mr. Craig Deets and Aud Director Larry Brechner join in caroling at the party held by all Aud and HTC members.

Trojan Pride Excells Under New Director

The Highland Trojan Pride started in 1953 and is still going strong today. Since the start of the band Highland has become the forerunner of ISSMA solo and ensemble contest. Highland is the largest host site in Indiana.

In his first year as music coordinator, Mr. Steve Scherer, has seen many successes. The band has competed in many competitions throughout Indiana and Illionios. "It's been a tremendous challange, but with a lot of cooperation and support of the students, staff, and administration it has been an enjoyable experiance."

came at Metamora, Ill.. They took first place in class A parade and field, Best Auxilliary Class A field, Best Winds Class A, and Best Soloist Class A. That was a total of nine awards. Highland won every catagory in the contest.

The band not only consists of the marching band we see at the parades there's also a concert band, jazz band, and the pep band you see at the home basketball games. In the spring the band and orchestra traveled to St. Louis together to perform in a national competition.

After many long hours of practice two seniors have emerged as the best in thier fields. At All State Band this year Diana Zych was named first bassoonist. That was Diana's second time playing with the band. " After all the years of practicing, not just in high school, the hard work is finally paying off."

Bruce Poi is also enjoying many successes in his final year in the band. Bruce was also named to the All State Band, he was chosen for his ability to play the Bartone Sax. "These four year of high school have been difficult, but the awards have been tremendous."

by Jennifer Jarmula

Band director, Mr. Steve Sherer gives some last minute advice before a performance.

Concentration is essential for a performance, as Jennifer Sons demonstates.

The band keeps up team morale as well as entertaining the crowd during the home football games.

CLUBS

The wind section prepares to put all their hard practices to the test.

Members of the Highland Marching Trojans perform proudly during a halftime show.

Senior Tom Walters stands at attention, waiting to continue his last performance of his band career.

Choir

Working through skill, technique to find new expressions of beauty

One of the groups at Highland High which combines class time with extra-curriclar involvement is Choir, which helps keep the fine arts alive in the school.

From daily work sessions where music technique, intrepretation, and knowledge are studied, the Choir moves on to perform in concerts and at various area events. Under the leadership of Vocal Music teacher Craig Deets, the choir has advanced in technical skill and professionalism of performance.

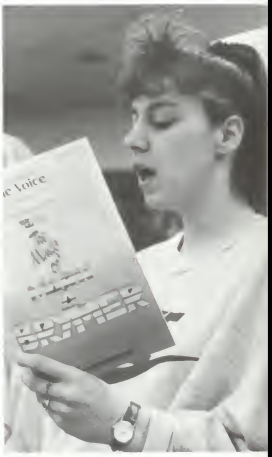
Choir is involved in several concerts during the year. The largest is the annual Christmas pageant, where choir members participate in an impressive production. They not only perform on their own, but join with the Junior High School Choir to entertain the audience.

This year's choir also supplied several members to the Highland Theatre Company productions, both as chorus members or as major players in the school's two musicals, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *Mame*.

Many choir students are also involved with various activities around Highland and Lake County, contributing their knowledge of music and their appreciation of good music to the wealth of the community.

Jill Bartlett, senior choir member, reflects on her time with the group as one of growth and joy. "This has been a worthwhile experience," she says. "I have learned much about not only singing, but about appreciating good music as well."

With the knowledge and experience Choir provides, many students also move on to local church choirs, singing groups, and into lives where music and the joy of singing is a richness they will never lose.



Danielle Francoeur concentrates on tone as she prepares for the year-end Choir activities, including graduation.

Allison Bazarko, Elizabeth Ecsy and Emily Stern are experienced Highland High choir members who add to any performance's quality.

Working on the song they will sing at graduation, Kiri Krick, Brooke LaBorde, Jill Gatlin and Kelly Egan are valuable choir members.

Choir

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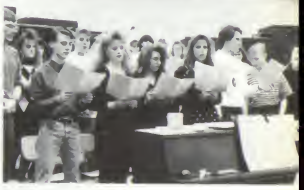
Left, daily practice and study with Mr. Craig Deets has turned the Highland Choir into one of the area's finest.



Left, Brian Foutch is only a sophomore, but he is already adding quality to the tone of the choir.

Above, Karin McDonald, Cari Machnikowski, Jill Bartlett ,Scott Kooi and other students work with Mr. Deets.

Violinist Rachel Schmall practices "Rhapsody In Blue" as she prepares for a coming orchestra concert.

Cellist Ryan Summers shows the intensity it takes to master a piece of classical music.

Director Ms. Karen Schaefer prepares the group during orchestra class. She is a professional musician herself.

On the stage, orchestra members under the direction of Ms. Karen Schaefer perform professionally.

Orchestra officers: President Becky Hayes, Tricia Zoeteman, Harmony Gates and Jeremy Hayes.

Orchestra

'They won't settle for second best!'

Many people are unaware of how much the Highland High School Orchestra has progressed over the last few years. Through hard work and practice, this musically- inclined group of students has excelled to new levels of performance this year under the instruction of conductor, Miss Karen Schaefer.

"I take a conservatory approach to teaching," says Schaefer." In class the orchestra plays a variety of symphonies by such composers as Brahms, Beetoven, and Copeland."

However, it is the dedicated practice of the individuals that leads to the perfection of a full orchestra sound. 90% of the students in Orchestra class take private lessons, and many compete in I.S.S.M.A contest and perform in the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The group is dedicated and works hard. However, their toil has its rewards. The group has had the privilege of attending several concerts by such famous musicians as cellist Yoyo Ma and violinist Itzhak Pearlman. The biggest trip the orchestra took this year was one to St. Louis, where they performed this spring.

Director Karen Schaefer is impressed with the progress and enthusiasm of the Orchestra students. "What thrills me most about my students is their determination to excel to professional levels of performance," says Schaefer. "They are never willing to settle for second best."

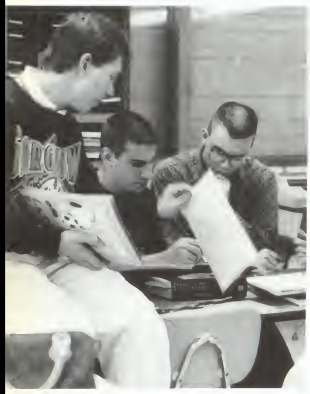
The orchestra gives several concert performances during the school year. They also participate in the large winter concert which is held in Monbeck Auditorium prior to the Christmas vacation. They play several pieces with the combined choirs and the concert band.

• Jen Shea

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Newspaper sports editors Brian Modjeski and Phil Chick look over their page layout with Mark Sharp.

Scott Palmer, Kristin Knowles, Sean McCarthy and Jessica Stern work on desktop publishing for the *Link*.



Lisa Hepburn served on the *Shield* editorial board, working on layout, copy, and yearbook production.

Trojanal: Row 1: S. Trkulja, H. Brennan, J. Stern, Gunther, S.McCarthy, E. Ecsy. Row 2: M. O'Neill, J. Jarmula, MJ. Rosanski, S.Loane, L. Lawrence, A. Adkins, I. Limoncu, K. Knowles. Row 3: M. Grzybowski, P. Chick, M. Sharp, B. Modjeski, S. Palmer, R. Bateman.

The Press

Shield covers flood, war, school news; *Trojanal* moves to news magazine *Link*

No one ever claps or cheers for them. The compliments are rare and the work goes on all year. Yet the staff members of the *Shield*, *Trojanal/Link* and *Mirage* keep writing, photographing, and taking pictures.

Why?Because these students care enough about Highland High that they are eager to share and help others realize what the school is really all about.

This year's newspaper staff made a major move, going to a news magazine format from the traditional Trojanal newspaper style under the leadership of editor Scott Loane, assisted by Managing Editor Jenn Jarmula, and Co-Editor Sean McCarthy.

An editorial team of students directed Production of the yearbook, and Mark O'Neill added original art in all publications. Miss Barbara Mayer served as adviser.

Mark O'Neill did major art work in the yearbook newspaper, and literary magazine, as well as assisting in page layout.

Shield: Staff: Row 1: C. Fisher, K. Rakoczy, M. Gryzbowski, K. Almy, A. Temple, J. Matulis, M. Grimmer. Row 2: R. Kuykendall, R. Nortman, K. Ondas, M. Carroll, L. Hepburn, K. Schneider, G. Domsich, S. Adad, R. Longhi. Row 3: J. Kwasny, S. Galic, M. Sharp, J. Bartlett, T. Frankiewicz, J. Shea, H. Santerior.

Trojanal/Link editors Sean McCarthy, Scott Loane and Jenn Jarmula. Above, Writing Award winner Steve Trkulja.

Literary magazine *Mirage* wins top state rating

Speech & Debate

Simone Betchen earns trip to national competition

For some reason, members of the Speech and Debate Team like to get up and talk in front of people. It's an activity that lures the more daring people to Saturday afternoon meets at schools around the area.

Top winners in speech and congress this year were Simone Betchen, going to Nationals, Leigh Lawrence, taking second in state, Renee Longhi doing well in radio, Scott Palmer, fourth district and second alternate to nationals, and Mike Kulak, who ranked in Congress.

Coaches were Mr. Bill Martin, Mr. Randall Lemon, and Mr. Pat Johansen.

National speech finalist Simone Betchen shows her talent as a superior speaker. She led the Class of '91.

Speech Team: Row 1, Sponsor Bill Martin, M. Nackman, S. Palmer, S. Loane, S. Betchen, Sponsor Randall Lemon Row 2: J. Kerber, R. Summers, M. Kulak, M. Graziani, J. Stern, M. Michalak, R. Longhi, E. Galosich, C. Trembicki, S. McCarthy, E. Ecsy. Right, Sight and Sound sponsor Mrs. Jean Erhart discusses plans with officers Jennifer Bromels and Brian Stephens.

Senior Renee Longhi took an eighth in state and also took a second in regionals in the area of Radio.

Speech Officers: Row 1: Scott Loane, Simone Betchen. Row 2: Mark Nackman and Scott Palmer.

Junior Jon Aros won high merit from Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry for his work in chemisty.

Chicago museum honors Chem student

Art Honor Society is a special club filled with talented artisans.

The biggest activity for the club is Artists On The Court, which is an annual event which takes place every spring.The big fundraiser is the Christmas card sale. Members submit various original designs, and then elementary teachers vote on the best five. These are then produced and sold. This year for the first time, AHS entered a float into the Homecoming Parade. They took first place with the comical scene of Donald Duck kicking a cat through a goal post.

Under Miss Bluhm, the sponsor, the club is led by President Kara Berta.

• **Thomas A. Frankiewicz**

Art Honor Students Stephanie Pontow and Karen Johnson help organize Christmas card distribution.

Art Honor

From Christmas cards to Homecoming floats

Art Coordinator Ms. Marge Bluhm works with Debbie Camp as their card deadline nears.

Debbie Camp, Dave Garman, Laura Napiwocki and Ms. Bluhm near the final Christmas card production.

Media Masters

Media Fair CLUBS

Media Winners: Row 1: C. Newcomer, A. Ventling, Mr. Alan Swenson, S. Reynolds, T. Swiss. Row 2: Mrs. Mary Newcomer, B. Sankowski, M. Beko, C. Nielsen, J. Doerr.

Media Fair

First year competition finds Highland in winner's circle

In their first attempt at the Media Fair, Highland students turned effort into victory.

After preparing media projects throughout the bulk of the year in the areas of video, audio, slides, photography, and computer programs, Highland's Media Fair entrants took their completed projects to the Media Fair at the Gary Career Center. There they swept the events in their first year of competition.

Taught and sponsored by Mr. Alan Swenson, the groupincluded Mike Beko, Brian Sankowski, Sean McCarthy, Scott Loane, Joe Doerr, Cathy Nelson, and Ryan Kussy. With Mr. Swenson's expertise and teaching skills behind them, they did very well.

Ryan Kussy, Brian Stephens, Sean McCarthy and Scott Loane listen to a playback of their winning video.

CLUBS

Business Leaders of America earn honors at contest

One of the most outstanding groups in the school is the Business Professionals of America. They not only learn many office and business procedures in class, but then they compete in district and state conventions, vying for business honors.

This year's president, Donna Vega, not only led the club but participated in district competition.

At the District Leadership Conference Brian Zalewski placed fourth in Entrepreneur Individual, Jackie Eaton placed fifth in Administrative Specialist. Sarah Damianick placed fifth in Information Processing Assistant. Cassie Dickey placed sixth in Administrative Specialist, and Shannon Wiist placed seventh in Office Assistant.

In the Specialist Competitive Events where students demonstrate skills, knowledge and leadership skills. Jackie Eaton placed first in Employment Skills. Mark Nackman placed second in Verbal Communications, Paula Townsend placed third in Shorthand/Transcription, Cassie Dickey placed fifth in Shorthand/Transcription, and Lorraine Jerome, representing the Hammond Area Career Center, placed ninth in Document Formatting.

Jackie Eaton, Brian Zalewski, Paula Townsend, and Sarah Damianick then represented Highland High School at the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

In addition to their competitive ventures, the Business Professionals of America also meet and work on the latest business equipment. They study current business procedures, and are under the sponsorship of Business Department Coordinator Mrs. Barbara Lovin. They have a good start on business careers thanks to their experience.

Buisiness Club Secretary Paula Townsend encourage Jill Adams to buy candy .

Conference winners are: Mark Nackman, Shannon Wiist, Brian Zalewski, Cassie Dickey, Paula Townsend, Jackie Eaton, and Sarah Damianick.

Jackie Eaton and Cassie Dickey pose with the awards they won at districts.

BPA officers are President Donna Vega, Michelle Pruim, Jackie Eaton, Cassie Dickey, and Paula Townsend.

Above: Cassie Dickey, Mike Petraitis, Donna Vega, Lorraine Jerome, Sarah Damianick, Kristin Berdis.

"Won't you join our group?" That's the question often asked by club members as they seek more people.

Art Honor's Michelle Tucker and theatre members also know the dedication it takes to make something work.

Playing your best to achieve the prize

With every chance to participate in a sport, there also comes the chance to feel the thrill of winning and the heart-breaking sensation of defeat.

Both boys and girls who choose to go out for the many sports available in Highland High's list of teams know how it goes. There is first of all the desire to give it a try. There is a decision finally made — yes, it's worth the possible rejection.

Then there are the try outs and the cutting of the teams, until finally the team roster is put up, and you are on it!

From the gridiron to the grueling practices, football players join other teams to celebrate Highland sports.

Then come the many practices, the conditioning, the planning and talks with coaches. There is always the down time when you wonder if it's really worth all this struggle and energy, and then finally it is time for the game, the match, the meet.

And it is worth it. There is the feeling of pride, wearing the Blue and Gold on your own body.

Suddenly it is all worth it. Belonging to a team does make sense. And it's great experience for belonging to the many teams life will call us to in the years ahead.

Sports are not just sports. They are the training ground of athletes at the game of life.

Football

Bridge Time!

HHS Trojans beat Munster Mustangs for Ridge Road span

At the start of the football season, every high school team sets some goals. These common goals may include winning the conference, winning homecoming, and doing well in the playoffs. The Highland Trojan football team sets another goal besides winning the "Battle of the Bridge."

Twenty five years ago Munster traveled to Highland to play a game that would lead to a tradition, and become one of the biggest football rivalries in the state. These two towns, separated by a bridge that passes over the Kady Ditch, live peacefully 364 days out of the year until the first Friday of the school year. Then the Trojans and the Mustangs go head to head on the field with one motive: to bring home the Bridge Trophy.

Since 1966, the "Bridge Victories" have been pretty much one sided with 17 Munster victories, compared to 7 Highland victories; including one tie. However, Highland has begun to turn the tables in the series as they've won the last two outings against Munster in the Bridge Game. This year the Trojan football team made history as they became the first Highland team ever to beat Munster three times in a row. Highland met with the 'Stangs twice this year as Munster hosted Highland in the first round of the Sectional. The past three outings with Munster resulted in 14-7, 32-6, and 14-12 victories.

Second year coach Rick Flutka, is undefeated against Coach Marsh and the boys from across the bridge as Highland's head coach. "I've played in the game, but never won it. Not being able to win as a player, but as a coach is double the thrill; especially since my first victory as head coach was against Munster," says Coach Flutka.

Coach Flutka had much to be thrilled about at this year's Bridge Game as his Trojan team rolled over Munster 32-6 on Sypult Field.

• Phil Chick

Shawn Czaja protects Mike Rossi's pass in the Homecoming game against the Griffith Panthers.

Varsity Football: Row 1:M. Wohadlo, R. Jacusis, S. Tanis, K. Carstensen, M. Rossi, B. Johnson, J. Woodward, B. Guzek, D. Boersma, S. Winicki, Ja. Woodward, M. Edwards. Row 2: L. Scott, M. Mordus, J. Quigg, S. Czaja, K. Maicher, P. Chick, D. Nagel, C. Houchin, B. Smith. D. Herron, S. DeReamer, T. Wojno, A. Gil. Row 3: J.P. Miksis, D. Schocke, G. Bennett, J. Chichon, D. Spense, M. Graziani, J. Hilliard, J. Jones, , S. Tucker, M. Hall. Row 4: B. Hakes, B. Andrietta, D. Erb, Coach Maicher, Coach Meding, Coach Huppenthal, Coach Piniak, Coach Link, Head Coach Flutka, Mgr. C. Heath, J. Lasota, M. Pawlowski, C. Ryan.

Brian Guzek's sure hands slip the football to Mike Mordus. Mike Rossi shared quarterbacking duties this year.

Fall Sports

Mike Rossi sets up a pass. He was one of the Trojan leaders all through the fall season,.

Team spirit is evident as players gather around Coach Rick Flutka, an alumnus.

Left, Mike McArdle and Marc Wohadlo were two of Highland's steady players.

JV: Row 1: J. Waldron, J. Zuinzler, B. Johnson, D. Boersma, K. Stiglitz, D. Rench, K. Loudermilk, C. Carssen. Row 2: T. Summers, M. Harrison, J. Jusko, B. Novak, M. Gholson, C. Fisher, B. Ivers, A. Kennedy, Row 3: S. Tucker, B. Linebaugh, J. Doerr, R. Zuinzler, D. Bartlett, M. McArdle.

HHS-Andrean Game A Classic

'The most exciting game in Highland history!'

Under Head coach Rick Flutka, the Trojans posted a 5-5 record; including a thrilling Sectional semi- final showdown with Andrean.

The season began with a 27-14 loss to Portage in the home opener. The following week, the feisty Trojans captured "The Bridge Trophy for the second year in a row by defeating Munster in a lop-sided 32 6 victory. The ensuing five weeks gained Highland two victories over Calumet and Kankakee Valley, but losses to Lake Central, Crown Point, and Griffith.

Following a 27-14 Homecoming loss to Griffith, Highland traveled to Lowell and crushed the Red Devils by a score of 41-0! The next week Highland met Munster again in the first round of Sectionals. Despite a 6-0 halftime deficit, Highland won 14-12.

The next week the Trojans went head to head with the Class 4A third ranked Andrean 59'ers on Sypult Field in a game that was undoubtedly called "the most exciting game in Highland history." Playing the underdog role, Highland took the 59ers to four overtimes, before bowing out with dignity in a 47-40 loss.

• **Phil Chick**

'We gave the 3rd ranked team in the state all they could handle for four quarters and four OT's. That was the most spectacular game I have ever been part of.'

Corrie Houchin

Tennis: Row 1: M. Orlich, J. Wynkoop, J. Bajaj, B. Modjeski, D. Housley, B. McCay, M. Schneider, B. Waldron, Mgr. M. Mazur, Coach Jerry Mazur. Row 2: C. Starewicz, S. Yadron, S. Loane, M. Deleget, B. Butcher, S. McCarthy, B. Beanblossom, G. Bell, K. Price. Row 3: S. Giumac, M. Petraitis, P. Kollintzas, B. Zalewski, S. Palmer, B. Galic, S. Anderson, D. Maloney.

Netmen Boys Tennis

Young team gains experience

The 1990 Boys Tennis Team once again showed the LSC that Coach Jerry Mazur gets the most out of his teams. With only two returning starters from last season's Sectional lineup, Highland finished its season 7-10 (3-3 in the LSC).

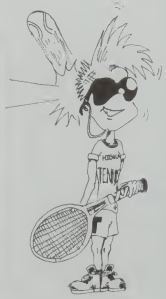
Sean McCarthy and Brian Modjeski finished their final season at the No. 1 Doubles spot. Chad Starewicz also saw plenty of court time with a number of partners at the No. 2 Doubles position. Chad finished his stint at HHS with a 6-4record.

At No. 1 Singles was Jim Bajaj. Jon Aros earned 2nd Team All LSC honors at No. 2 Singles. Don Housley was at the No. 3 Singles. For the second straight year, Sean McCarthy was awarded the Best Mental Attitude award.

•Brian Modjeski

Above, Jon Aros warms up for a home meet on Highland's tennis courts.

Senior Jim Bajaj hits a smashing forehand in one of his home tennis matches.



Lady Volliers Volleyball

Bartlett named most valuable

The lady volliers ended their season with a 6 and 23 overall record and 1 and 5 confrence record. Their one conference victory came in the first round of the Griffith Sectional versus Calumet, 15-10, 15-11. In the second round of the sectional they played a tough match against Crown Point 15 -15, 15- 5, 3- 15.

This season the lady volliers graduated five senior co-captains: Jill Bartlett, Kristen Crum, Brandy DeMaris, Wende Sudlak, and Jenny VanDerNoord.

Senior co-captain, Jill Bartlett was named this year's most valuble player. Jill led the team with 92 kills.

Other team awards went to Junior Kate Hullinger for being the most improved player, and the best mental attitude award went to sophomore Kim Cowgill.

Leading the team in serving was Wende Sudlak with a 94% average, followed by Jill Wolendowski and Kristen Crum each with a 93% average, and Jenny VanDerNoord with a 90% avereage.

• Jenn Jarmula

'Even though our record didn't show it, our team was better than a lot of people thought. Our team was a lot more than our record showed. We always tried our best."

Jill Bartlett

JV: Row 1: A. Stazny, M. Bright, J. Krueger, A. Clasgens, C. Ossanna. Row 2: K. Elliot, J. Zabrowski, Row 3: S. DeMaris, C. Moore.

Varsity Volleyball: J. Crum, B. DeMaris, W. Sudlak, J. Vandernoord, J. Bartlett, J. Wolendowski, K. Hullinger, A. Ferko, K. Cowgill, P. Ryan, Coach Pam Wilson.

Volleyball winners are Jill Bartlett, Most Valuable and All Conference, with Kim Cowgill and Katie Hullinger.

Girls Cross Country: Row 1: A. Zakrzacki, J. Korzeniewski, L. Strickhorn, S. Bateman, T. Kasbaum, A. Rudnick, R. Aspan. 2: M. Johnson, R. Burge, K. Phillips, C. Ortiz, S. Boik, P. Olsen. 3: E. Ring, M. Zakrzacki, G. Ellis, D. Francoeur, C. Dresden, Coach Furman.

Boys Cross Country: Row 1: Jim Bluethman, Darron Damasius, Mike Sabol, Jim Peters, Bernie Zemen, Bryan Lane, Mike Jasaitis, Dan Price, Mike Stofko, Jeremy Galiher.

Long Blue Line

Conference, sectionals see improvement

Despite this year's record falling short of other years of cross country effort, Highland High School's Long Blue Line definitely did have a rewarding year.

The highlights of the season were the tremendous efforts turned in at Sectionals and Regionals in the Lake Suburban Conference. The girls cross country team, showing trremendous growth since the season's beginning, placed second at both events.

When asked about highlights of the season, junior Monika Zakrzaki responded, "The best meet of the entire year was Regional, because everyone had a great race and we finished second. That put us ahead of one of our rivals, Clark."

The 1990 girls squad was a shining example of teamwork as well as running. "The camaraderie on the team made everyone feel special. It also made the underclassmen strive to outdo the other runners" said freshman letter winner Erin Ring.

The girls team was coached by Mr. Steve Furman. He does much to instill confidence and a sense of hard work in all his cross country teams.

The boys cross country team also put in a strong season. This sport calls for incredible conditioning and endurance, and both boys and girls who participate in it must keep up their ability to run long distances, as well as have enough conditioning to manage a strong kick at the end of a long and grueling race.

This year the boys' team is saying goodbye to some extremely talented runners. Brian Lane, Dave Ondo, and Dan Price are all graduating, leaving room on the squad for future stars.

Top, middle. Mike Jasaitis runs a strong race in the Cross Country Sectional at Lemon Lake. The weather was hot this fall, which added to the need for endurance.

Both strong runners in their respective sectionals, Highland High's Bryan Lane and Monika Zakrzacki compete at the Lemon Lake course. They are both Cross Country stars.

Cross Country

Getting ready to compete are Rob Conley, Jim Bluethman and Jeremy Galiher.

Already in stride and out to a lead is Highland High's own Amy Rudnick.

Lady Tanksters

Swimming

Ladies successful with new rules, new events

This season was moved up on the calendar, a new event was added, and their stomping grounds were in repair for the first month of their season. However, even conquering these obstacles was no problem for the Highland Girls Swim Team.

The team ended their dual meet season ahead with seven wins over six losses. They came in third in their conference to only Munster and Crown Point, and second in sectionals to Munster.

Qualifying swimmers for the 200 free relay at state were seniors Jamie Flanagin, Tonya Loscalzo, Jessica Zdonek, and junior Michelle Cseri. Cseri also qualified in the 100 yard fly.

Other changes were the addition of the 200 free relay in which the girls had to follow the Swim Association rules.

A first since 1984 was the victory over Lake Central, both in dual events and at Conference and sectionals, Also by placing in the top three at sectionals, the team earned a spot in the Munster Classic, a battle between Duneland and the three top teams of the LSC.

"It's sad to know this is my last year, but it was great to end it with a strong showing all the way," says Co-captain Jessica Zdonek.

• Krysten Schneider

'Overall, I think we had a good season. I know everyone had a lot of fun. Every person on the team was supsported at everyt meet and felt secure.'

Tracy Repking

Jessica Zdonek and Tracy Repking cheer on Tonya Loscalzo at a home meet.

Jamie Flanagin wears the team motto. Top right, the 200 free relay.

Varsity: J. Ratazak, P. Zaborowski, M. Bennington, T. Fozkox, S. Boyan. Row 2: S. Rich, S. Auxel, P. Linden, M. Grau, B. Caddick. Row 3: C. Wozniak, T. Bazarsko, K. Skinner, T. Repking, J. Kalis, Coach Brian Toweson. Row 4: K. Schneider, T. Loscalzo, J. Zdonek, M. Cseri, J. Flanagin.

Tankmen
Swimmers earn berths to state finals

In the long line of tradition, Highland's swim team has once again proven they are up to the task in a very competitive Lake Suburban Conference field.

Under the coaching of Mr. Brian Toweson, the boys swim team has met some of the area powerhouses in head to head, stroke to stroke competition.

> 'I think we've proven this year that the tradition of a strong Highland swim team will never die.'
>
> **Doug Herron**

With strong training programs and a lot of dedication, they not only did well during the season. They also send several swimmers to the state finals.

The team finished the regular season with a record of 8-4-1, and placed fourth in the conference.

At sectionals Darren Damasius and Mike Bakker swam well. Diver Ted Kutcher was fourth.

State qualifiers were juniors Brian Buksar and Mike Bakker, sophomore Mike Delegete, and senior co-saptain Doug Herron.

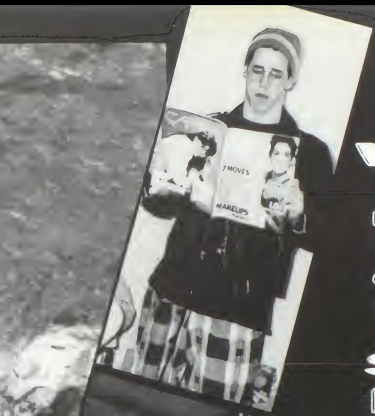
Bryan Buksar competed in two individual events, as well as two relays. He was seeded 9th in the 200 free and 4th in the 100 free. The relay teams were seeded 12th in the 200 free and 19th in the 400 free.

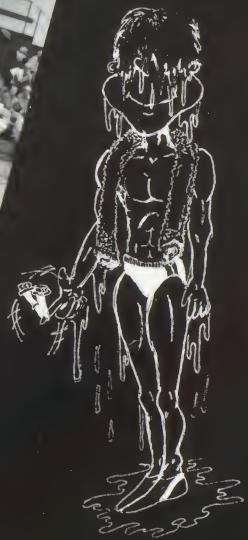
Tom Czysczon churns through the water in the tradition of strong Highland swimmers.

Varsity Swimming: M. Bohler, B. Buksar, T. Czysczon, M. Deleget, R. Kussy, P. Cartwright, S. DeReamer, D. Herron, M. Rosenau, D. Damasius, Coach Toweson, M. Trudeau, T. Kutscher, B. Stevens, B. Linebaugh, J. Donavan, W. Flanagin, I. Bronski, T. Frankiewicz, M. O'Conner, D. Sieb.

Coach Toweson gives Ryan Kussy a sectional haircut. Shay DeReamer practices the breast stroke.

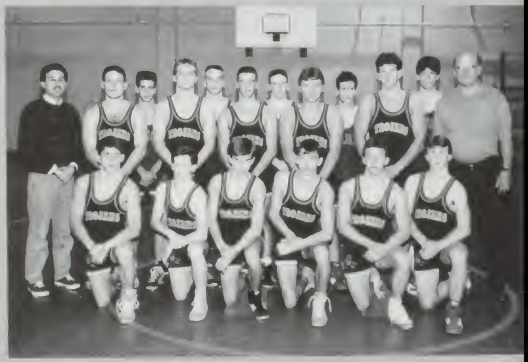
Winter Sports





'When you're out there on the mat, it's just you, him, and your will to win.'

Neal Locasto



Senior wrestlers Corrie Houchin and Tim Wojno scrimmage in a late practice session before sectionals.

Varsity: Row 1: D. Price, K. Price, C. Smith, J. Bapst, D. Reichmuth, D. Herald, Row 2: Coach Colias, D. Spence, R. Kinny, C. Houchin, J. Johns, N. Locasto, T. Gordon, T. Wojno, M. McCullough, G. Bennett, J. J. Smigla. Coach Johnson.

HHS Grapplers Wrestling

Reichmuth, Houchin,Bennett lead grapplers

Of all the sports competed in at HHS, there very well may not be a more physically and mentally demanding sport than wrestling.

"You have to fight for everything you get; nothing is handed to you. When you step out on the mat, you're the only person that can make things happen," says wrestling captain Neal Locasto.

One victory can boost a wrestler's confidence tremendously. When the referee raises the wrestler's hand in victory, he knows that no one else can accept credit for his accomlishment except himself.

This year's Trojan grappling team was unique in itself. With only a few wrestlers returning on the squad with any extensive experience, the team got off to a rough start.

But the coaching of Larry Johnson and Jim Colias remedied the inexperience factor and six of their wrestlers appeared at Regionals. This brought a lot of respect back to the Highland wrestling team, which over the years had some strong state contenders under the tutorship of Larry Johnson. Now that he has returned to be the mat mentor, things seem to definitely be turning around.

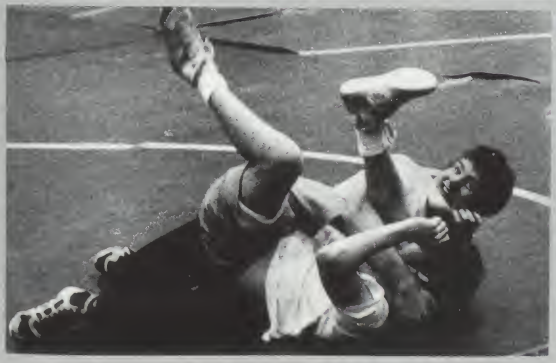
Winning Sectionals this year were Corrie Houchin (160), Craig Smith (112), and Tim Gordon (140).

Placing second in Sectionals, and qualifying for Regionals as well were Neal Locasto (145), Doug Reichmuth (135), and Greg Bennet (189).

With a lot of dedication and hard work, the wrestlers have achieved a great sense of teamwork and a spirit of pride. They've proven that wrestling deserves the attention of fans and area sports writers.

• Phil Chick

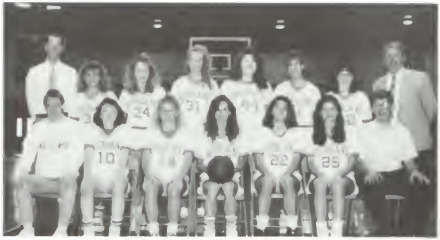
Sophomore Brad Kerr listens for directions from the coach in the gym in after school practice.



Greg Bennet works on the form. Practice like this took him through a successful year.

Varsity: Row 1: Mrg. B. Timm, K.Hullinger, B. Younkers, M. Laciak, S. Galic, M. Bright, Mgr. R. Mikuly, Row 2: Asst. Coach J. Valiska, K. Macek, L. Peterson, B. Gordon, S. Quigg, J. Gray, K. Nemcek, Coach John Onoff.

JV: Row : K. Maicher, H. Oprea, C. Delgado, R. Burge, B. Caddick, P. Ryan. Row 2: A. Horn, J. Hall, J. Ferrell, D. Francoeur, M. Isa, S. Cummings, Coach Dan Richardson.



Girls Basketball

Macek, Peterson, Galic run & gun to success

Posting wins against tough teams such as Gavit, Merrillville, Andrean, and an impressive overtime win over the Griffith Panther lady team, the team looked good to the fans and supporters who follow the squad.

Juniors Bridget Gordon, Michelle Laciak, Katy Hullinger, Kathy Nemcek and sophomores Stephanie Quigg, Brandy Younkers and Mary Bright round out the team.

With a sense of team spirit and dedication, the future looks bright for this young squad. As they mature, they should be a force to contend with in Lake Suburban Conference girls basketball action.

• Laura Vanderwall

While most students look forward to going home after the last class of school,, the 2:50 bell means something different to the girls basketball team.

That bell signals the start of two long hours of practice , and often a quick trip home for a snack, and then another return trip to school to prepare for an evening basketball game in the Lake Suburban Conference.

With only three returning starters, Coach John Onoff didn't have a lot of varsity experienced players to begin the season this year.

Senior guards Kristen Macek and Lori Petersenled the pack , with the help of junior Sylvia Galic, who put in an excellent and productive season, according to many fans of Highland girls basketball.

'With hard work and determination, our next season should probe to be successful.'

Sylvia Galic

Far Left, Lori Peterson goes for a jump ball in a home game against the Lady Calumet Warriors.

Practice is part of every sport. Kathy Nemcek and Mary Bright will tell anyone that is one reason for their success.

Kristen Macek on defense was one of the stalwarts of the girls' basketball program.

Basketball

Trojan Basketball

Guzek leads three point shooters, named MVP

'I must say despite the record, we accomplished a lot. We played hard every night, and that's why we were in every game.'

David Nagel

The season started off bright enough. The Highland Basketball Trojans beat Morton in the home opener, and after that, they went 2-0 in conference, beating Griffith and Munster at home.

Both games were lost in the holiday tournament, but that was followed by a big win over Hobart.

A one point loss to conference runner-up Lowell was clearly the best game of the year. Unfortunately, this was followed by an 11 game losing streak. There was a bright spot, with a near win over the future LSC champion Lake Central, but the season ended with a loss to Calumet in the sectional.

Brian Guzek led the team in three point shooting, and was near the top of three point shooters in the region. Guzek was named Most Valuable on the team. Dave Nagel played center and had a good season. He also won the Mental Attitude Award. Jason Woodward won the Bock Award, and named Most Improved was Bryan Lane.

Coach Mike Urban loses four seniors this year, and faces a rebuilding process in the time to come. Mike Golumbeck is a point guard who hopes to make the future on the court bright at Highland.

Mike Rybicki Jr. , Guzek, and Woodward were also named Honorable Mention All Area in the *Times*.

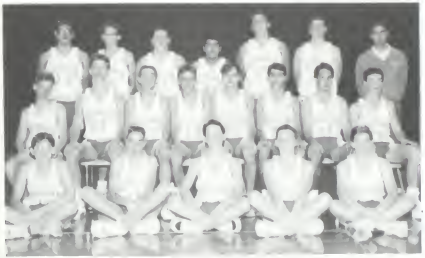
Below: Number 42, Jason Quigg, drives the lane onTrojan offense in the home game against Portage.

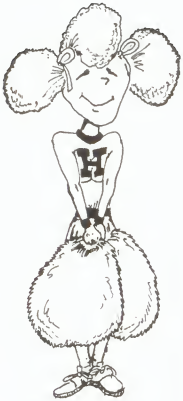
Mike Golumbeck shoots a free throw at the Calumet sectional. Far right: Doug Shafer takes the line.

Varsity: Row 1: M. Rybicki, B. Zygmunt, J. Quigg, M. Golumbeck, Jerry Woodward, J. Stewart, T. Skertich, B. Lane, D. Schafer, head Coach Mike Urban. Asst. Coach Pete Hedges. Row 3: Coach Kevin Lenz, JV Coach Brian Elston, Mgr. Corky Heath, D. Nagel, Jason Woodward, B. Guzek.

JV: Row 1: J. Elo, J. Rozanski, D. Boersma, B. Johnson, C. Dunn, B. Loane. Row 2: K. Loane, M. Ortiz, M. Drexler, A. Keightley, R. Conley, Head Coach Brian Elston.

Frosh Hoops: Row 1: Joel Woodward, N. Dwenger, C. Molnar, M. Benware, L. Negovetich. Row 2: S. Kinder, B. Watemba, S. Shagimaw, T. Lane, T. Michalak, B. Galic, T. Maloney, A. Lewis. Row 3: P. Kalley, N. Weyer, B. Toth, D. Flores, M. Metzick, R. Oppermen, Head Coach Doug McCallister.





Cheerleaders Spirit Lettergirls

'Win or lose, we'll cheer you!'

Cheerleaders, Lettergirls keep spirit strong

No matter if it is in the cool evenings of fall or the deep frost of winter, Highland's cheerleaders and lettergirls are at the forefront of keeping spirit high for both the players and fans.

This year's spirit squads featured dedication and enthusiasm. It also showed the quality of cheerleaders and lettergirls remains high. Many girls took active part in extra-curricular clubs and school projects.

This year's varsity cheerleading captain was Patti Kovach, while the lettergirls worked on their own without a captain. They led their groups through the pre-season, all home football and basketball games, and in the homecoming parade, which is always a highlight of the school year. They also made sure their groups were well-represented in the events of Spirit Week, Superstars, and especially on Blue and Gold day.

The girls finished the season by cheering at the Calumet basketball sectionals, which the Trojans lost in the first game.

Below, Shelly Smothers. Wendy Smith, and Michelle Spranis stir up the Homecoming crowd.

Principal Ventling and Board Member Konnie Kuiper host the lettergirls in Mr. Kuiper's antique truck.

Sherry Hanson and Rosey Cook do their best to keep spirit high in one of the home football games.

Varsity Cheerleaders: Top: Crissy Quinn, Sherry Hansen, Patti Kovach, Jill Adams, Alison Bogusz, Marsha Grabowski, Rosey Cook.

Part of every major sporting event, the Highland High School Lettergirls represent the school well. They are from all four years of school.

Cheerleaders: M. Hughs, M. Oliver, C. Quinn, S. Smothers, R. Cook, T. Bazarko, J. Matulis, T. Zimmerman, P. Kovach, S. Hansen, M. Grabowski.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Row 1: T. Zimmerman, M. Hughs, T. Bazarko, J. Matulis, C. Brown, M. Oliver.

Cheer!

Majorette Captain Karin MacDonald readies her group before a performance.

Majorettes Row 1: Jodi Herring, C. Machnikowski, K. MacDonald, K. Morton, J. Keightley, A. Wilhoit. Row 2: K. Penwell, A. Finn, A. Cook, K. Fultman, C. Banas, A. Hanak, A. Garmon, J. Granger, M. Elo, T. Tauber, D. Sullivan. Row 3: C. Rubio, L. Banas, J. Smigla, J. MacDonald, M. Norris, Jorie Herring, L. Napiowocki, L. Kocon, J. Lippie.

Spirit

Majorettes

Routines show professionalism

Majorettes work with band, dance steps

You see them after school for long hours, practicing in the front hall near the gym entrance.

You hear their music and you hear them working to the beat.

Highland's majorettes are an integral part of all activities surrounding home games and band performances, as well. In their dual role of spirit supporters and precision dance team, the majorettes have added much to many Highland home events this year.

Under the leadership of Captain Karin MacDonald, the squad has performed at band competitions, as well as during half time shows.

With several seniors in the group, the majorette squad has shown continuity and an advancement of skills and showmanship.

With blue and gold uniforms and pon poms to help them create the true Highland spirit, the majorettes have moved into the higher ranges of dance routines in the Calumet Conference and the northwestern Indiana area. Their choreography has been mentioned as some of the best in the area.

When competing with the band at contests, the majorettes use flags in their routines.

Cari Machnikowski leads the cheers as the majorettes swing into action during a Highland scoring drive.

Tennis

Girls Tennis

Amy Ferko-Megan Fritz doubles team leads Lady Trojan netters

There is no question that the girl's tennis team has made great improvements over the last few years.

At first there were worries that the team would suffer greatly with the loss of last year's predominantly senior varsity team.

However, this year's new young team has surprised everyone with their talent and intensity. With just one senior returning to the squad, the team proved their talent over and over.

The season started off with a crushing 4-1 loss to Portage. But the girls battled back, defeating both Andrean and Calumet. These wins restored confidence in the girls, who ended up having a winning season.

Leading the ladies was the dynamic duo of Amy Ferko and Megan Fritz. They finished the regular season with only two losses and were feared by many teams in the conference.

Other team leaders included Nancy Sorota and Sylvia Galic in singles with Draga Culic and Jen Shea playing as both doubles and singles seeds.

Next year all but of two of this year's varsity team will be returning. With the experience they have received this year, there is hope that next, year's tennis team will be one of Highland's best.

• Jen Shea

Putting her all into a return sophomore Jonni Kreger is a future star of the Lady Trojan net team.

Lower right: Megan Fritz delivers a powerful return at a home match. As a senior, she starred in doubles.

Right, Amy Ferko seems to be leaping right over the net as she battles in a match on the Highland courts.

Tennis: Row 1: M. Fritz, J. Shea, A. Wallner, J. Kruger, K. Cowgill, N. Sorota, A. Hook, B. Barrett/Row 2: H. Fenstermaker, S. Galic, A. Betchen, B. Fritz, S. Betchen, J. Komako, L. Murzyn, D. Kubacki, J. Bognar, A. Ferko, Coach Drusa.

Spring Sports

Golf

Linkmen

Seniors play well

This year's golf team looked really bright with Senior Captain Paul Nicholls leading the team. Even with the loss of last year's top players Jeff Kantowski and Doug Vincent, the team was very successful.

The boys owed a lot of its success to the leadership of veteran coach Dan Richardson and the contributions of young players such as Tony Lane, who made varsity this year as a freshman.

Also rounding out the varsity spots were Mark Rosenau, Mike Golumbeck, Todd Giba, and Brian Zygmunt.

The boys had a lot of tough competition this year with conference rival Munster and others such as Valpo and Bishop Noll.

There is a lot of enthusiasm about next year's team, too. "With new summer tours around the state and more practice time available, this could be one of the best teams I've coached", said Richardson, "We just need to be tested."

Next year should be one of the finest in the history of Highland golf, if all predictions by the local experts have a way of coming true.

Senior Paul Nicholls has been on the team for four years. His talent has led the team to many victories.

Tony Lane practices his swing. As a freshman, he has made a strong beginning for himself and the team

Golf: Row 1: P. Nichols, M. Golumbeck, T. Giba, D. Wleklinski, M. Rosenau, T. Lane. Row 2: G. Janik, B. Zygmunt, J. Rozanski, N. Weyer, M. Wyatt, Coach Dan Richardson.

I've played golf at Highland for four years. I think this is the best team I've ever played with.'

Paul Nicholls

Varsity Soccer: Row 1: M. McManus, B. Rubino, K. Kazmarik, D. Price, J. Jasaitis, T. Czysczon, C. Tinsley, T. McMahon. Row 2: B. Butcher, M. Ray, R. Ceperich, S. Tampauskas, S. Glumac, C. Swisshelm, D. Herron, M. Vukus, K. Carstenson.

Soccer Team improves with power

Home games an advantage

This year's soccer team rose to a new level of play in the 1991 season.

Due to the fact that the team returned all starters and had new players who had good potential to help the team, the Highland Soccer Team would definitely have a chance for the Lake Suburban Conference title.

Important returning starters were: Captain Bob Rubino, 1990 MVP Mike Ray, Keith Carstenson, and Milenko Vukas, and sophomore Simo Glumac.

The Trojans opened the season by embarrassing Gavit 6-2. It was a positive start for the team and things just got better. In their next bout, the kicking Trojans tied one of the best teams in the area, the Valpo Vikings, with a score of 1-1.

Team leadership was a big factor for the team. Senior Captain Bob Rubino stated, "Out of my four years at Highland, this year's team had the best talent and really worked well together."

With the loss of junior Marko Trivunovic due to injury, the team had players who were able to move to the varsity level of play.

Four players who did so were sophomores Carl Tinsley, Mike Jasaitas, Kyle Kazcmerek, and Chris Swisshelm.

The most questionable spot on the squad was that of goal tending. Keith Carstenson not only did a remarkable job, but was probably the key to Highland's successful season.

Mr. Keim was the coach.

Sophomore Simo Glumac was a key player on the soccer team. He added to the season's victories with his talent.

'This was the year we've been waiting for since freshman year. Our home field gave us an advantage through the season.

Mike Ray

JV Soccer: Row 1: D. Gosner, J. Wyncoop, R.J. Heath, E. Olsinski, G. Blair, N. Sellis, M. Benware. Row 2: P. Haiser, M. Ciganovic, B. Ciprian, P. Plitsky, C. Hines, J. Miller, S. Spencer.

Softball

Bright, Sudlak, Crum, Peterson, Bartlett & Macek make season memorable

Three years ago, after eight straight games of softball in 105 degree weather, ten determined girls stood on a softball field at 2 o'clock in the morning with tears in their eyes as they watched another team walk away with the state title.

Now it is 1991, and these same 10 girls, with the help of a few others, are bound and determined to win their dream of the state title again.

The Lady Trojans are made up of nine seniors this year. Even though unexpected injury and illness have prevailed, Lisa Bright, senior pitcher, has made her debut with the help of Lori Peterson at the plate. Lisa pitched two no-hitters and is planning to continue her education at St. Mary's Notre Dame.

The infield consists of Kristen Crum, or Jenny Marlow at first, Kate Hullinger at second, Kathy Nemcek at short, and Jill Bartlett at third. The outfield is made up of Amy Temple, Wende Sudlak, and Kristen Macek. Janet Richmuth, Mary Bright, and Sara Lounsbury pick up where Lisa leaves off at the pitcher's mound.

Coach Jerry Hedges, and Assistant Coach Jeff Bence have a lot of faith in the girls and are usually very proud of their play.

• Jill Bartlett

Anchoring Third Base, Jill Bartlett has won a softball scholarship to Valparaiso University with her talent.

Starting her wind-up, star pitcher Lisa Bright goes after another conference batter as Jill Bartlett covers third.

Above, Lisa Bright, Lori Petersen, Jill Bartlett, Katie Hullinger and Kristen Crum celebrate another victory.

Kristen Crum shows great form as she slides into second under the tag in a conference game.

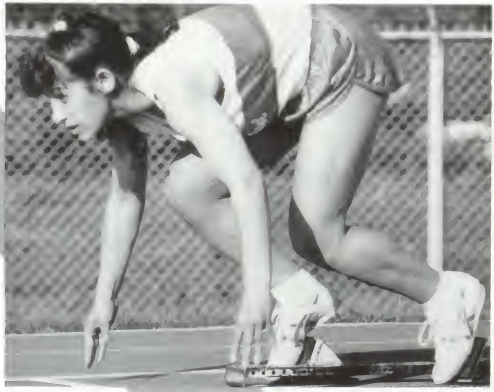
JV Softball: Row 1: R. Mikuly, S. Keil, J. Wolendowski, B. Younkers, M. Oliver, K. Smith, C. Ossana. Row 2: Coach Bright, L. Montalvo, R. Burge, S. Lounsberry, M. Bright, N. Lee, P. Olson, L. Banas.

'This year's team was a memorable one. With so many girls who played together so long, we had great spirit.
Wende Sudlak

Varsity Softball: Row 1 R. Mikuly, A. Temple, K. Macek, L. Peterson, J. Riechmuth, S. McElheny, J. Adams, K. Hullinger, A. Horn, J. Marlow. Row 2: Coach Hedges, Coach Bence, S. Lounsberry, M. Bright, K. Crum, L. Bright, D. Figlio, W. Sudlak, J. Bartlett, L. Vanderwall, Coach Bright.

Senior Andrea Adkins clears the bar in the high jump event. She was a consistent player.

Sophomore Myssir Isa sets her stance and determination at the Highland Invitational.



Track

Girls Track

Katie Skinner, Monica Zakrzacki lead Trojan Women

In the ladies competition, Coach Furman got one of his finest performances when he needed it.

The Lady Trojans were led by two first place finishes by senior Katy Skinner. Skinner set a new conference record in the 300m hurdles with a time of 46.9s. She also tied for first place with an excellent performance in the 100m hurdles.

Junior Monika Zakrzacki also continued her dominance of the LSC by capturing 1st place honors in the 3200m.

Sophomore sprinters Tracy Kasbaum and Myssir Isa turned in quality performances, each placing 2nd in their events. Kasbaum tied for 2nd in the 100m, while Isa placed 2nd in the 200m.

The 400m Relay team of Kasbaum, junior Tracy Campos, sophomore Carrie Brown, and Skinner, came in 2nd place, finishing two tenths of a second behind the winners.

At the high jump event, senior Andrea Adkins jumped 5'0" to earn 3rd place honors. In the discus, junior Gwen Ellis finished in 5th place.

The final 3rd place finishes came from senior Tonya Loscalzo in the 400m and the 1600m Relay team of freshmen Linda Montalvo and Valerie Troppman, along with Brown and Loscalzo.

Other pleasant surprises at the meet were turned in by freshman Karrie Phillips, who placed 5th in the 1600.

• Brian Modjeski

Top, right: Charissa Dresden goes for distance in the long jump event at a home meet.

Right: Tracy Campos hands off to Carrie Brown; Katie Skinner clears the hurdles.

Left, Linda Montalvo and Kerry Phillips get into condition before an early spring meet. Girls Track: Row 1: G. Ellis, M. Zakrzaki, J. Korzniewski, C. Dresden, A. Adkins, L. Skinner, J. Flanifin, T. Loscalzo, J. Grey, A. Pawlus, V. Rroppman Row 2: Coach Steve Furman, M. Miller, D. Conn, B. Tabor, S. Smothers, H. Oprea, M. Rhodes, T. Campos, T. Kasbaum, M. Isa, C. Brown, A. Stasny, K. Phillips, L. Montalvo, J. Valiska. Row 3: N. Boutros, Claskins, S. Bateman, K. Johnson, E. Ring, A. Zakrzacki,, M. Johnson, D. Francoeur, J. Wolendowski, K. Kenders, A. Buck, K. Malcher, N. Kutic, S. Boik, R. Aspan, C. Ortiz, C. Strickhohn, C. Cskardi, A. Rudnick.

'We have a really good team this year. Not only do we have good individuals, but we also have depth to fill all the events. I am looking forward to a winning season.'

Andrea Adkins

Track

Boys Track

Bryan Lane, Jim Bluethman, Larry Scott lead Trojan runners through conference

After seasons filled with ups and downs, the Boys Track team turned it up a notch at the LSC Championships, held here at Highland.

At the conference meet, a major tune up for Sectionals, the boys were led by a number of athletes.

The highest finish went to junior Mark Edwards, who placed 2nd in the 300m hurdles.

Senior Marcus Billadeau also recorded 4th place in the same event.

Junior Larry Scott tied for 3rd place in the 100m with a time of 11.3. Senior Jon Lesczynski notched two 3rd place finishes in the high jump and the long jump events. Also in the long jump was Jim Bluethmann, who placed 6th.

The 1600m Relay team of seniors Bryan Lane and Dave Ondo, along with Edwards and Scott placed third, missing first place by less than two seconds.

In the field events, senior shot putter Mike Hall threw the shot for a distance of 48'1" to earn himself 4th place honors. Hall also placed 6th in the discus. Junior Keith Loudermilk overcame some personal disappointment to place 4th in the discus.

In the 800m, Ondo raced to the finish line while earning 5th place honors.

The biggest surprise of the meet, sophomore Mike Jasaitis, stayed near the leaders for the entire 3200m race, and ended up in 5th place.

In the Highland Invitational, the Trojans placed third. Outstanding performances were turned in by Mike Hall, John Lesczynski, Larry Scott, Keith Loudermilk , Mark Edwards, Dave Ondo, and Mike Jasaitis.

The relay teams of Edwards, Lane, Ondo, Scott and Edwards, Soltesz, Peters, Scott also did extremely well.

• **Brian Modjeski**

Below, Josh Biancardi practices getting away from the starting block cleanly. He is a junior.

One of Highland's most consistent stars, Bryan Lane runs with form and ease at the Highland Invitational.

Above, Mark Edwards and John Soltez execute a smooth handoff in one of the relays at the Highland Invitational.

Junior Larry Scott stretches for an extra inch as he crosses the finish line before a home Highland crowd.

He's got it! John Lesczynski clears the bar in the high jump event. He is a senior member of the track team.

Boys Track: Row 1: M. Hall, M. Billadeau, J. Soltesz, L. Scott, M. Edwards, B. Lane, M. Jasaitis, J. Peters, M. Sabol, J. Lesczynski Row 2: N. Dwenger, M. Grazianni, S. Dopka, K. Yeo, T. Summers, D. Pigg, B. Hakes Row 3: E. Gray, T. Biancardi, J. Kaszka, M. Metric, T. Michalak, J. Jones, B. Moulesong Row 4: D. Pigg, K. Loudermilk, A. Gholson, J. Jones, S. Tucker, Row 5: V. Tabor, Coach Summers, Coach Colias, J. Swalek.

Baseball

Ozelie, Guzek, Bedka help make Trojans one of top teams in state competition

After suffering a major defeat at the East Chicago Regional last year at the hands of the Crown Point Bulldogs, the returning senior Hitmen had plenty of impetus to really get things going.

The season started out on a very high note as senior Brian Guzek pitched a no hitter, leading the Trojans to a 12-0 romp over Lake Station.

The first real test came against the Morton Governors. Highland pounded the ball en route to a 12-2 victory. At the time, the Trojans were ranked 15th. Leading the attack were seniors Dave Bedka, Marc Wohadlo, Jess Spain, Mark Ozelie, Ryan Jacusis, Jason Woodward, Brian Modjeski, along with Guzek.

Highland brought out their big bats as they cruised to victories over Wheeler, Hammond High, and Porter County Conference powerhouse Hebron.

The warm weather brought along with it the beginning of the journey to repeat as LSC champs. The road started in Griffith and led to Lake Central. Pitching dominance was the word of the week, as Ozelie started by pitching a splendid 2 hitter in the 9-1 victory. Guzek then topped that performance tossing a 1 hitter against the powerful Indians. Highland cruised to a 10- 0 victory. Those victories earned the Trojans the 7th spot in the Coaches Poll.

After conference victories over Calumet, Munster, and Lowell, and a win over Bishop Noll, the Trojans faced their stiffest test. That week, the Trojans jumped up to the 3rd spot in the Coaches Poll. Much to the concern of many, Crown Point handed the Trojans their first loss of the season, and stopped their winning streak at 14 games.

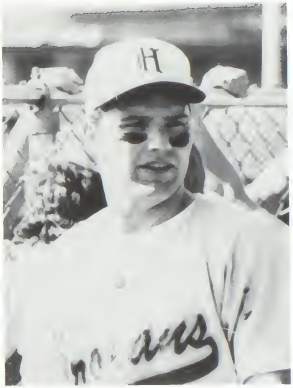
The team rebounded from their first defeat by pulling out a victory over Valparaiso. The squad handled the pressure of being a top ranked team all season, and that is a tribute to their coaches, Dan Miller and Chris Huppenthal. The biggest surprise of the season was the terrific job that senior catcher Dan Huppenthal did in offense and defense.

• Brian Modjeski

JV Baseball: Row 1: D. Housley, J. Govert, C. Dunn, B. Spoljoric, D. Boersma, B. Linebaugh, C. Carlson. Row 2: B. Labus, P. McCartney, P. Sullivan, E. Severson, B. Ivers, R. Ehlin, S. Chicki, Coach Davidson.

Above, Shortstop Mark Ozelie also gave power to the Trojan attack. Here he hits against Merrillville.

Varsity Baseball Row 1: J. Spain, J. Woodward, D. Bedka, R. Jacusis, M. Ozelie, B. Modjeski. Row 2: D. Huppenthal, J. Woodward, B. DeMaris, T. Kubacki, M. Wohadlo, C. Pavich Row 3: Coach Miller, C. Huppenthal, B. Guzek, S. Ochman, J. Quigg, D. Garmon, M. Rybicki.



Senior Brian Guzek starred for the Trojans as a pitcher. His bat also made him Player of the Year.

"We specialize in doing our best because we play together as a team. If somone does not succeed in helping to contribute, there is always somone else who will pick him up.

Mark Ozelie

The real leadership is in taking the lead in effort on the long run. The race is only won by those who try.

Behind the scenes are dedicated people like trainer Scott White and super fans like Corky Heath.

Whether scrimmaging one on one or gathering as a tightly-knit group at a game, the Trojans show real spirit.

Making everything a real class act

While many other things make up the high school experience, the classes and academic offerings are always at the heart of everything.

From the classes come many of the clubs. From the classes come the high SAT scores and the college acceptances. From the classes come the success and the motivation.

From the classes come the experiences of dealing with fellow students and teachers. From classes come the sense of knowing one could have done better — and feeling that wonderful sensation of improvement and success.

Russ Ceperich knows classes demand working on one's own, and also getting in the groove for class projects.

Whether it's the college prep courses with the strong disciplines of Math, English, Social Studies, and Science, or the specialized classes such as music, business, technology education or journalism, the results are the same.

There is learning to be sought after and the slowly growing accumulation of knowledge to be acquired.

With teachers trying to challenge and cajole, and students keeping one eye on B.U.G. and the other on the last report card, the year progresses day after day, class after class, and the learning begins to build and the foundation of a lifetime comes more clearly into focus.

From the frying pan to the computer and video camera

Students learn to express their own creativity

Many classes at Highland High supposedly fit into departments, but the truth is that many classes are unique experiences in various kinds of learning.

From Home Economics Foods and Family Living classes to speech and journalism, special skills are learned for a lifetime of career or personal opportunity.

Home Economics now has many more boys in the class, learning skills to use in a two worker family. Speech class trains students to think well and speak articulately on their feet, and Journalism class develops writing, design, and desktop publishing skills.

Radio and TV class has students working around the school learning the finer art of taking video and capturing quality sound.

In all of these classes students are taught a variety of skills. They are classes in which the textbook is not as important as class lecture and teacher example. In these classes students are also asked to do more than merely answer a test question on the material taught. They are expected to take the knowledge they have learned and turn it into the ability to actually produce -- whether it be a newspaper page, a photograph, a home-made dinner, or an original speech or video.

In this way students learn to take the knowledge they learn and apply it to their own creativity. The classes which train students not to parrot back but to come up with their own ideas and versions of what can be done with certain skills are very useful in future life.

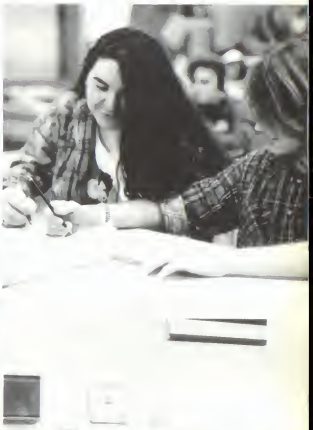
Many of the teachers who teach these classes are also people who not only present the material, but who use the skills in their own lives. In this sense Highland boasts teachers who teach from their own experience and example, as well as from what they learned in books.

Above, Phil Chick shows he can bring home the bacon and fry it. Here he is proving his skill in Foods class.

Right, center: Joe Doerr and Peter Sedrak of Radio and TV, Film Class. Jamie Korzenowski, Dave Flores and Ed Klapak in Journalism.

Ilke Limoncu gets into the action in a group exercise in speech class. Students learn to express themselves.

Meena Ahmadzai and Brian Schrocke work out a layout problem in Journalism class. Both then wrote articles.



Above, Brian Sankowski delivers one of his finer efforts in speech class. He used his skills in auditorium work.

Jeanne Ratazak and Tracy Repking seem intent on dinner. Their table looks full and tantalizing.

Did You Know?

Mrs. Slys' classes scanned over 126,000 pages, an estimated five novels a semester this year?

Mrs. Gloria Karr helps Misty Rhodes work through a comprehension problem in freshman English class.

Mrs. Gloria Johnson helps her class, top, while Mrs. Gleason and students work in the English computer lab.

English —

Classes demand comprehension, awareness, attention to detail

It may be said that English is the most important department at Highland High School. Not only do English students learn the grammar and literature taught. They also use what they learn about language in every part of the rest of the school day.

Primarily, this is because English is the language spoken in this country and throughout most of the world. Much learning takes place in the various programs such as Developmental Reading, X English, AP English, and the English lab.

Mrs. Amy Gleason, head of the English lab, reports "The main idea of the lab is to enhance creative writing and critical thinking and to make writing more enjoyable." The lab and its computers help to take away from the humdrum of the pad and pencil. There are two facets to the lab work. One is for creative writing, while another program will critique and rate grade level of writing performance.

Mr. William Martin is the English Coordinator, and he works with all English teachers in the junior and senior high schools. In addition to English classes, he also is the coordinator of the speech and journalisn classes, which fit under the English Department umbrella.

In coordination with other teachers dedicated to help planthe remodeling of the school which will take place in two years, English teachers have been working to help architects design the renovated Highland High School of the future.

Mike Hamacher works on a composition in Mrs. Carolyn Slys' class. Topics for themes vary through the year.

Below right, literature takes a lot of concentration, with reading comprehension plus attention to vocabulary.

Mr. Pearson helps Mike Rivera rewire a project, as the Building Trades students work diligently on finishing the siding on thier house which will be complete in June of 91'

Bret Brumly oils a piece of equipment in one of the shop classes he's taking this semester.

John Grimmer shows Paul Linder the tricks of the trade in their Graphic Arts Class

Aiming for the Future

Technology Education Moves Students Toward Success

Industrial Arts or as it is being called Technology Education, is shaping itself for the future. New, more advanced equipment is being used along with a new curriculum to lead us into the year 2000. Computer Assisted Drawings (CAD) are new and inovative in helping with many intricate drafting designs.

Mr. Boskovich, this year's department coordinator, help place students in a variety of new classes of their choosing.

This year's woods classes featured several displays in the showcases which showed their progress throughout the year. From lamps to tables students' projects were of wide variety. In addition to woods, drafting, electronics and graphic arts classes there is also a printing class. Print shop students also use highly complex compugraphic type setting machines to produce and print the Trojanal and the School Town newsletter Your Schools.

Anyone who has taken shop at Highland and will be pursuing a career in a technical field can feel they've been well prepared.

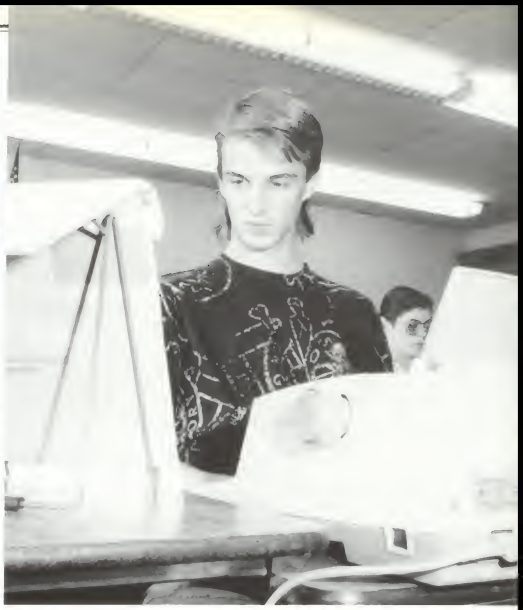
• Juli Matulis

Mr. Poi and Print Shop students Eric Tucker,Bob Andreatte and John Zufall work on silk screening during class.

J. May, J. Jones, M. Dorcey, Mr. Sieb, M. Mihalac, L. Wood, and above, D. Schafer pose for a picture.

Senior Chad Pavich knows developing his keyboarding skill and speed will be a benefit in the work world.

Even as the Christmas season approaches, keyboarding class continues the drills and exercises.



The Art Of The Deal

HHS business classes learn skill, expertise

Business classes have always been a part of Highland High School education.

What makes business classes different in the 1990's is a combination of new career awareness as well as emphasis on keeping up with technology and developments in the professional business world.

Under the direction of department coordinator Mrs. Barbara Lovin, classes have emphasized a strong development of basic skills. Not only ability to use the various business machines and keyboarding units is emphasized, but an understanding of business psychology, law, and practice as well.

From the business classes many Highland alumni move on to work in local businesses, as well as in the greater Chicago job market. They have learned skills in entrepreneurship, office management, and even all the necessary information on how to start and maintain their own businesses.

Many business students also participate in Business Professionals of America, a club dedicated to even higher development of career skills.

One thing's for sure. This department is definitely in business!

Bottom, left, Jen Marlow practices her ability to compete successfully in the business world.

Below, Ms. Karen Zendian dictates a new assignment to her students. She is also Adult Education Director.

It's a snap! Don Rench seems to be taking the work load in his business class in the stride of a winner.

Art teacher Mr. Kenneth Dowdy shows Brian Moulesong a refinement in his artistic technique.

Dede Evans works on a project, careful to keep to her original intent in the creation of her art work.

Ken Burleson has plenty of room and plenty creativity to put to good use in his first semester art class.

Art —

From the seed of creation, projects, skill emerge

When all the other diciplines of English, Math, Social Studies and the like are finished, many students turn to elective classes to develop their talents in the fine arts.

In classes taught by some of the finest art teachers in the area, students learn from practicing professional artists Mrs. Sally Fitch and Mr. Kenneth Dowdy. With Art Coordinator Miss Marge Bluhm they also study the great art of the centuries. This insures a knowledgeable and appreciative trip to Chicago's Art Institute, or to any other place where fine art is shown and appreciated.

As with other classes, while basic drawing and painting are staples to art classes, modern technology has also invaded the artistic media. Students learn air brush techniques, as well as pencil techniques, cross-hatching, and creative use of conventional items such as art pencils.

Studying the various qualities of different kinds of paints, art students are also exposed to some of the forms of sculpture, and they create projects.

In reality, students not only learn to develop their artistic talents in the traditional sense. They also learn to find art in the commonplace and everyday items of ordinary life. Following the philosophy that art can be found and beauty evoked in many things, art students proceed through their art classes with growing skill, knowledge, and appreciation.

Below, left. Now that her project is finished, Karin MacDonald goes outside to spray fixitive. Now it's permanent!

It's getting there! Tom Caddick seems happy with the way this piece of art, a sketch, is going.

Taking advantage of a warm day to work on their art outside are Arin Betchen and Michelle Solecki.

Senior Vesna Jovicic critiques the design in modern cartoon art. Yes, cartoons are art, too.

Diana Zych was named to the All State orchestra. Diana plays the bassoon, and also participates in local concerts.

Music —

Students learn musicianship, skill in orchestra, band, choir

Music classes in vocal, and both band and orchestra are offered at HHS.

Through hard work and practice, the orchestra has excelled to new levels of performance under the instruction of conductor Miss Karen Schaefer.

"I take a conservatory approach to teaching," says Schaefer." In class the orchestra plays a variety of symphonies by such composers as Brahms, Beethoven, and Copeland. However, it is the practice of the individuals that leads to the perfection of a full orchestra sound."

90% of the students in Orchestra class take private lessons, and many compete in the I.S.S.M.A. contest and perform in the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The biggest trip that the orchestra took this year was one to St. Louis where they performed this Spring.

Director Karen Schaefer says, "What thrills me most about my kids is their determination to excell to professional levels of performance. They are never willing to settle for second best."

In vocal music class Mr. Craig Deets directs several choirs and vocal groups. These students not only perform at several concerts during the year. Many of them also get involved with the school musicals, such as *Mame* and *Once Upon A Mattress*, which were presented this year.

The band students also work an hour of class time each day. There they hone their instrumental skills and ability to play together. After school they then work on their marching and musical presentation.

All music departments are well-taught, with students sharing in the departmental enthusiasm.

'I can take the skills and music from this class and enjoy them the rest of my life'

Lori Popplewell practices the flute in class. She will also perform on the stage in concert soon.

Craig Maloney not only practices in his spare time. He participates in class, and then plays in concert and contest.

Vocal music students study their sheet music. They will then sing in different parts in a mixed choir.

Technology

Helping on a project in General Science, Mr. Dan Richardson helps freshman Chris Lindner.

Weighing a flask in Chem Lab are Paul Kelly and Steven Dappa. Mr. Elston teaches chemistry.

Science

From Bio to Physics, there's much to learn

We have the theory of relativity, so what does that mean?"

For as long as man has been around sciences and the universe have puzzled just about everyone. Even "Young Einstein" with his electric guitar tried splitting the atom. That was after it was discovered what the atom was.

With sciences the possibilities of investigation are endless. Medicines themselves present a whole new world related to science.

Other different fields of science are: physics, chemistry, micro biology, zoology, and anatomy. But why take a science course in high school when a science career isn't planned? "

It's simple," says Bio 2 teacher Herb Schmidt," science may not be used now but it is all around you. Anything that is living or that is even there is part of science."

With the different courses offered students also get a chance to compete in the Science Olympiad. This group does experiments and projects plus, competes against other schools and their projects.

Along with having a desire to learn it's good that the teachers get along with their students. "I like having Mr. Chapman as my Earth/ Space teacher. We learn a lot in his class about the planet, how it works on the inside, about what's in space, and our whole class gets along really well.", says junior Josh Biancardi.

Mrs. Jan Konkoly is the Science Coordinator at Highland junior and senior high schools. In addition to teaching classes, she helps other science teachers keep up with their department work.

Science students also enter competitions, and work on individual projects. So it's not just being in a class because it's required, but also to learn. Which just proves that Highland is the place to do so.

• Margie Grimmer

Randy Eckard gets a jump on an assignment during his biology class. He also needs to prep a lab soon.

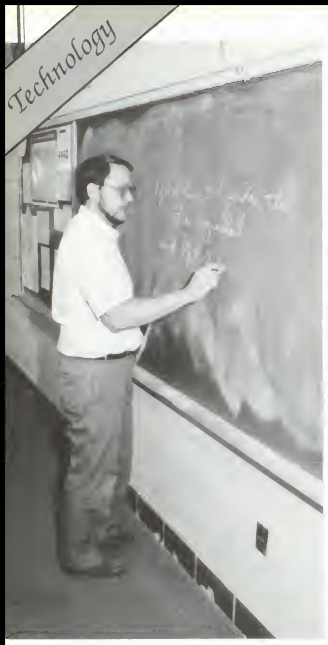
Did You Know?

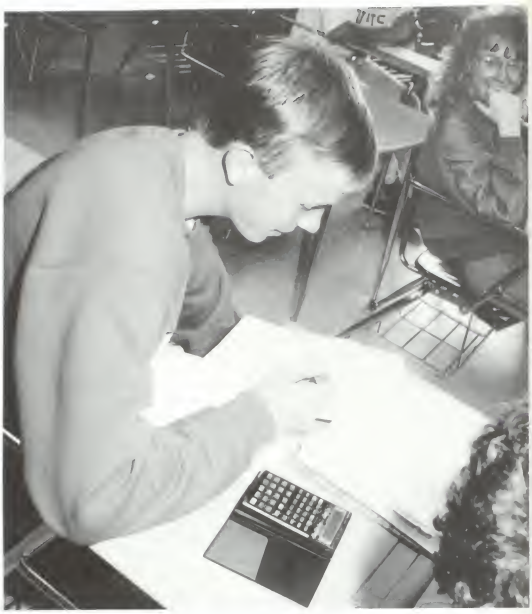
Did you know that Mr. Elston's chemistry classes broke 150 beakers this year?

Mr. Schmidt gives an estimated 11,000 points to those who work extra hard.

One of the most demanding things for science students is to prepare their labs and do a following write-up.

Mr. Brian Elston illustrates an chemistry equation for his students. Juniors, sophs, and seniors take the class.





Math —

'The best part of each class is the challenge'

Although some students choose English when asked to name their strongest subject between math and English, the majority of Highland students usually answer, "Math is my strongest subject".

Some may believe that is incredible, but many students, it seems, have come to realize that without math there is nothing for anything to be based upon. All sciences work with math, along with hundreds of other jobs and functions. Even the basics of the law of driving within speed limits and trying to get so many miles per gallon all involve working with mathematical principles.

"The best part of math class is the challenge, says Scott Shaganaw. "One of my favorite things to do is just sit down and work on an impossible problem that takes a lot of hard steps."

Although some people aren't as fanatic about math as Scott, it still must be admitted that there is a definite challenge. While most don't want to admit it, many of the classes and what is learned in the Highland math classes is fun. It is certainly enjoyable to work at something until you understand and master it.

That is what the math teachers at Highland keep working for. With the results of student opinion, it seems they are succeeding in a big way.

From basic math classes like General Math to Geometry, higher math, Calculus, and Computer Programming, math comes to life at Highland's exciting classes.

• Margie Grimmer

Mr. Bill Thegze illustrates a problem on the board for his class. Then he'll help them understand the process.

Working in Computer Programming class, Tony Guilfoyle and Mark Murzyn sift through the program.

Warren first graders learn from the high school math class. They have come to learn from the older students.

Jim Bluethman uses his calculator to come to some final conclusions on a problem in math class.

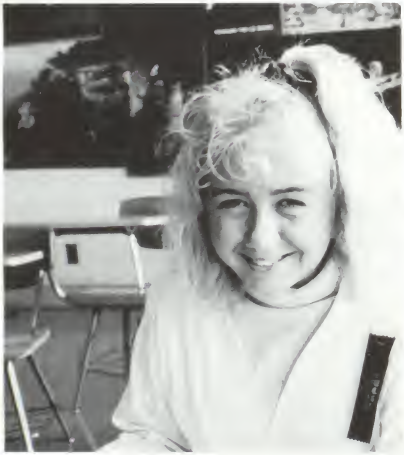
Did You Know?

Mr. Kessler's Geometry X students used 8,000 feet of string for their string art projects. This is over a mile and a half of string.

Mr. K wore 155 different ties this year.

One of Highland's best teachers, Mr. Greg Petrin conducts senior Government class for his students.

Suzanne Watson studies the individual states and their needs in Mr. Kelly's U.S. History class.



Tracy Vishalic shows a smile in Economics, while Patti Kovach works with a boy in Psychology class.

News makes history

Classes watch reaction to war; stock market eyes recession

Social Studies classes continue for all four years of high school, but their content varies from year to year.

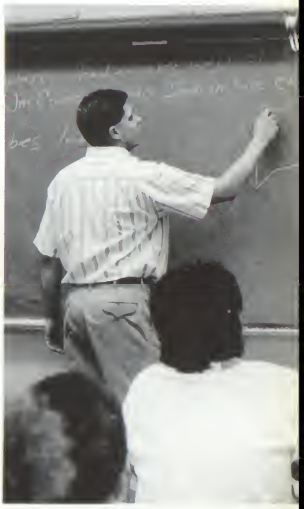
The Social Studies teachers offer a variety of instruction, ranging from U.S. History and psychology to study of Economics and Government.

This year students saw first-hand how the government helps make major decisions. When President Bush requested approval to possibly use force against the Iraq invasion of Kuwait, students watched as different politicians took stands for or against the use of force. They also saw the government get behind President Bush once the decision to go to war had been made.

With American troops in the Persian Gulf, students learned to understand history in the making. They also saw how war affects the economy as they watched the stock market get very jittery during the Persian Gulf crisis.

Bob Brito carefully goes over his stock market tables. He'll need the information for Mr. Sunny's test.

Student Teacher Mr. DeVries helps students learn U.S. history. He was in the school during the spring.



Did You Know?

Mr. David Young's History classes delivered a total of 525 oral reports this year?

Health Is Wealth

P.E. classes, Quest aid student growth

Did You Know?

2,600 items are lost during the P.E. classes.

Between all the academic classes and electives which are offered in the Highland High School curriculum one finds a special set of course offerings.

In other times gym class was simply time to put on different clothes and play games. In today's physical education curriculum there is much more attention paid to developing not only the health but healthy habits for students — both physically and psychologically!

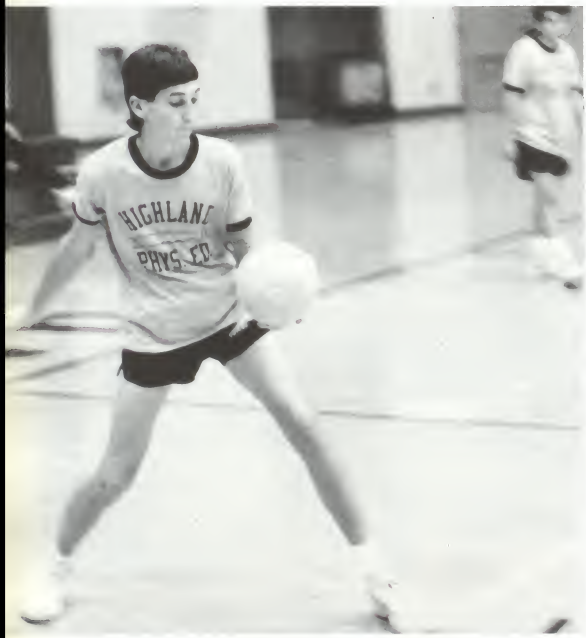
While traditional physical education classes still do play certain competitive games to develop physical stamina and skill, other classes such as swimming, life saving, and aerobics train students in special skills.

Health classes emphasize the many problems teens must face such as alcohol, drugs, possible suicide, and psychological coping. In this age of fast food and junk food, there is also special attention given to teaching teens to eat more healthy and well-balanced meals.

In Quest classes, Mrs. JoAnn Thompson uses special material to help students understand themselves and others better. There are units on family, friends, and dealing with the many pressures teenagers today face.

Health?

It gets a lot of help and guidance in all the physical education classes offered at Highland High!



Chris Litavecz gets ready to put power into his serve. Developing game skills is part of Physical Education classes.

Intense? Paul Murzyn eyes the playing court as he prepares to make his move in class. Paul is a freshman.

Above, Mrs. Jo Ann Thompson adds to a discussion in Quest class. Mrs. Thompson does a lot to help students.

Freshmen Ian Broski, Kevin McArdle and Stephanie Elkins get ready for another day in gym class.

Foreign Language

Classes encourage study of culture, heritage, customs of other countries

Anyone who takes a foreign language knows that learning to speak one is not an easy task. But along with all the hard work and frustration of learning a foreign language comes cultural experiences and even some fun.

This year the month of December was set aside as Foreign Language Month. This was a change from last year's Foreign Language Week because the teachers felt that the students were not learning enough in a week.

Many activities were a part of Foreign Language Month. A poster contest where students recieved extra credit for making posters encouraging students to study a foreign language took place. The posters were judged and the winner received a $15.00 prize.

Students also delivered ethnicity presentations. They brought in old photgraphs, ethnic foods, information from grandparents and/or parents about their heritage, and objects representing their particular ethnic background. Students then presented all the information to their class. The presentations started on December 10.

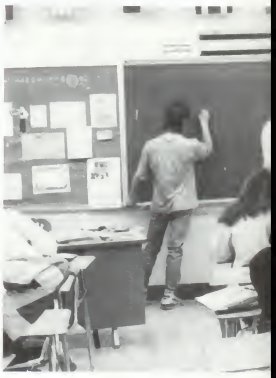
In addition to all that, the different language classes learned Christmas carols and went around to the other rooms to spread Christmas cheer by singing.

• Juli Matulis

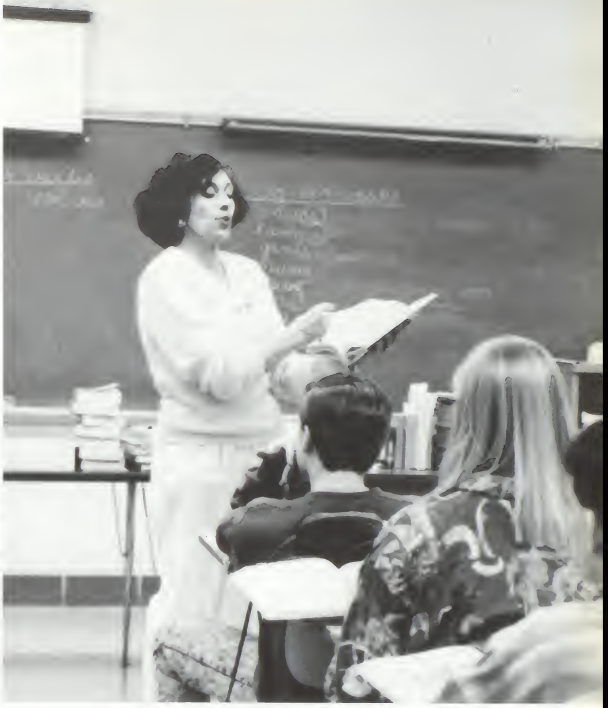
'Foreign Language is one of the best experiences in high school'
Mr. Dennis Kaminski

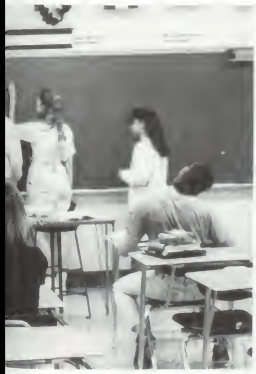
Mr. Tom Doukas conducts a conversation exercise with his French III class. He has traveled abroad extensively.

Mrs. Mary Certa helps students work through a French project. She has arranged foreign visits and activities.



Working feverishly at the board, students attempt to keep up with a fast quiz session in Spanish class.





Sophomore Ed Klapak listens to Mrs. Lopez' dictation in Spanish II class, which is offered each year at HHS.

Did You Know?

The Foreign Language Department received a total of 210 posters during their Foreign Language month in December.

Making the Scene

Part of the fun is simply Being There

Part of any activity, and that certainly includes sports, is the atmosphere of the crowd and the encouragement of fans.

"Being there" really comes true when attending an athletic event. The heat of the gym or the elements of nature at a football of track meet all contribute to the total enjoyment of any sport. Bears fans take a late December game in stride.

Parents, too, enjoy being there for their children. As some take just pride at the football Parents Night, for example, fans also enjoy rooting for their team. Learning how to care about the success of others and give them your support is also a great lesson to learn.

Enjoying their children's efforts are Jerry and Nancy Woodward, as well as other parents honored during football season.

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Get JOB

For some they're necessary;
For all they teach new lessons

As everyone gets older they realize that they have to take the giant step for themselves, and mankind, and actually get a job. Grant it it's the last place that anyone wants to go for a job is a place in the food industry. "It's been a good experience and it got me ready for the real world," says junior Julie Kwasny of her year at McDonalds. Thankfully not all jobs for teens requires feeding other people.

Way back to the infamous(or was it actually famous?) 1950's song "Get a Job" the quest for a reason to work has come into question. And the answer is..... FOR THE MONEY. So, the only question that leaves us now is where? Most of the jobs occupied by the bold young is in clothes stores, besides, who else except a teen can should tell someone else how to dress? Since minimum wage has gone up to $4.25 an hour there is an incentive to work.

A problem that has struck a lot of people down is the actual word work. The scary part is comes with the exercise usually required during the course of the employment. But don't worry just role up your sleeves and get to work(no pun intended). After all, it's just a job.

Margie Grimmer

Above, Dawn Czaja still find time to swing. Soon the work world will be calling her to join its ranks.

Junior Jill Gatlin looks like she's having fun working at *Taco Time*. She's also active in the choral program.

The A.M. Routine

For some, a nightmare. . .
For others, just a Sunday stroll

7:30 a.m. just getting out of bed, jump in the shower, then throw on jeans and a flannel, grab a doughnut (or two or three) and run out the door. This is a common everyday morning for most guys. No fuss, no muss just enough time to get dressed and be at school by 8:15.

Girls' mornings, on the other hand, probably sound a little more like this: 6:45 a.m. roll out of bed, turn on the curling iron, shower, pick out and outfit only after making sure that the socks that match are clean, the shoes are the right shade and that the jewlery adds just the right touch to make the outfit look perfect. Can't forget to put on make up, blow dry your hair, curl your hair, spray on hairspray and finally grab something to eat before heading out to school. This may sound more familiar to those of the female gender.

But either way, mornings are a part of every day and we all have our own rituals of getting out of bed and getting ready. Mary has a different routine than Sue, and Sue has a different ritual than Jane but probably the biggest difference would be between Mike and any one of these girls get the picture?

My point is girls will always seem to take longer to get ready and "primp" more than guys do. And this could be true, but as I'm sure all guys will agree, when their girl friend walks out of the bathroom before a date... It's worth it!

Juli Matulis

Brooke LaBorde fixes her mane before a Friday date.

It's 2:50 . . . The bell rings . . . and they're off!

What do students do after 2:50, anyway?

It's 2:50–school's over. But for many the day is just beginning. Classes may end at 2:50, but from 3:00 on, after school activities are calling. To students, after school is just as important as, if not more important than school time.

After school hours, some people go for a bite to eat at their favorite fast food restaurant before going to work, others just go home. Some play chauffeur driving all thier friends home before they finally arrive home to rest or start their own afterschool schedule.

Many people are involved in clubs and organizations and most of them hold meetings after school. Many hours after school are spent working on projects or just having fun with friends.

Then there are always the athletes. A lot of people who are involved in sports spend most of their waking hours after school practicing and getting into shape. Also Majorettes and cheerleaders stay after, coordinating their routines for the weekend.

Whether it be job, sports, a club meeting, going out to eat, or just going home, after school is definitely a big part of every student's life. "After school" shouldn't be referred to as "the end of the day" because for most students the day is just starting.

Julie Matulis

Important! Check the datebook before planning the rest of the day.

OUT OF OUR MINDS!

After school informal meetings help many students learn about each other.

"I wake up at 6:30 every morning for school so that I have time to get ready," Junior Brooke LaBorde said.

Anyone who wakes up at 6:30 in the morning will testify that every extra minute in bed helps. She is not alone in the group of girls who lose sleep by waking up over an hour before they have to be somewhere to start getting ready.

Over 50% of the guys polled agree that too much make up looks worse than none at all. Kellen Maicher said, "If a girl usually dresses up, but then skips a day sometimes guys notice. Usually we don't really care." The key is to find a routine that fits your style and stick to it.

Another age old phobia of highschool girls is the fear of being fat. Girls will starve themselves for weeks if they're worried their stomache may bulge a little in their prom dress. Many guys expressed that they like girls "with a little meat on their bones." Others still like the philosophy of never being too rich or too thin.

On the other side of the locker room wall, there are also some things that guys tend to worry about more than girls notice.

Senior Ryan Jacusis admits, "I'm always worrying about my breath. When I wake up it's pretty nasty. I go to extremes to ditch the dragon breath."

by Lisa Hepburn

"DRIVING TO THE COUNTRY, GOING HORSEBACK RIDING, THEN LAYING OUT A BLANKET UNDER A TREE AND HAVING A ROMANTIC LITTLE PICNIC. THEN BUILDING A FIRE AND CUDDLING BY IT."
– RON REYNOLDS

"THE QUALITIES I LOOK FOR IN A GUY ARE PERSONALITY, SENSE OF HUMOR, SENSITIVITY, OPENESS AND HONESTY."
– BECKY MASTEY

"HOW NICE THE PERSON IS, LOOKS DON'T ALWAYS MAKE THE DATE."
– JENNIFER KOMACKO

"I THINK THE PERSON HAS TO BE 'REAL'. TO HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP THERE CAN'T BE ANY SECRETS. ALSO, YOU HAVE TO ABLE TO SHARE THOUGHTS WITHOUT HAVING TO FEEL EMBARRASSED ABOUT THEM.
– JILL BARTLETT

"SHE CAN'T BE STUCK-UP OR THINK THAT SHE'S GREAT. SHE HAS TO BE SLIGHTLY WIERD AND WANT TO HAVE FUN."
–DAVE BARTLETT

"WE'RE GOING TO GO TO DISNEY WORLD."
– MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

"MY IDEAL DATE WOULD BE A GUY WHO COMES TO MY FRONT DOOR BRINGING ME A RED ROSE.."
– JEN MARLOW

"WE'D GO OUT TO DINNER AND OUT TO THE MOVIES ON A FIRST DATE."
MARK OZELIE

"THE QUALITY I LOOK FOR FIRST IS A SENSE OF HUMOR AND ATTRACTIVENESS. LATER, A NICE SMILE AND A NICE FIGURE TOO."
CRAIG McLEAN

I want somebody to share
...Share my inner most thoughts
and my intimate details
Someone to stand by my side
And give me support
and in return
she'll have my support
She will listen to me
When I want to speak
About the world we live in
And life in general
Though my views may be wrong
...She'll hear me out
And won't easily be converted
To my way of thinking
In fact she'll often disagree
But in the end of it all
She will understand me

I want somebody to care
With every heart
and with every breath
Someone to help me see things
In a different light
And the things I detest
I will almost like
I want somebody
to put her arms around me...

SOMEBODY by Depeche Mode

Amy Golumbeck and Bryan Lane express their feelings about each other by going to Turnabout before Christmas.

Excuses, Excuses, Excuses . . .

'Well, I left my book on the bus, and then my dog got sick, and . . .

THESE WON'T WORK

—I fell in a ditch.

—My mom had a case of Montezuma's Revenge and couldn't get me here on time.

—was driving behind a bus.

—got halfway to school and realized I had my pajama bottoms on, so I had to go home and change.

— got food poisoning from the Eggo waffles I ate for breakfast.

Excuses come in many forms for all kinds of people, but one of the most talented group of excuse makers is the teenager.

Whether is the reason for coming home past curfew, getting poor grades, or simply not remembering to take out the garbage, teens can find some of the best excuses known to man — or woman.

Consider coming home late. Of course there is the real reason, but sometimes teens can't seem to pass up the chance to be creative. Instead of the real reason, there is the option to come up with something totally different:

1. The car was doing fine until a funny thing happened. It ran out of gas.

2. All the clocks and watches stopped at the party. There must have been an eclipse of the moon or something.

3. Everything was going on schedule until we saw a dog just wandering in the street. He looked so alone we decided to help him find his way back home.

4. I really was home on time, but I had a sudden case of amnesia and began wondering if this was really my house or not.

The list can go on. Whether it's trying to make a teacher realize there were more important things to do than homework the night before, there's always a chance to get creative, and at the same time stay out of trouble, too.

That is, if it works.

Curfews — Enough Said!

Every teenager at one time or another has been told, by their parents, what time to be home. Most teenagersfind themselves repulsed by the idea. But, can one blame them?

Curfews can't be that bad. Parents only enforce them for our safety. That's what they say, anyway. And did you ever think it was for their peace of mind also? However most teenagers do not feel this same way.

In reality, curfews are one way for parents and the authorities to help young people realize responsibility for their time.

By knowing there is only a certain amount of time to do something and a responsibility to be home at a certain hour, teens can learn how to take charge of their time and their lives when they are off on their own.

Many college students who learned to make their own curfews for certain events are now the wiser, and more productive, too.

Curfew is not always a bad word. It can sometimes by a question of law. Indiana state law states that anyone under 18 years of age is only allowed out on the streets until a certain time before the police can pick him up to bring to the station to be picked up by his parents.

Of course that's the other debatable aspect of curfews: they keep you out of trouble. They also help you become a more dependable person.

Holly Santerior

Jill Gatlin opens the door very gingerly. It's a bit past curfew.

Junior Jessica Zdonek always helps set Highland styles.

Styles

. . . That inspire!

"Another week, and not a thing to wear." "I'm so out of style, i don't know what's in style or whats out of style."

Many teenagers these days have encouraged the style wearing process. The major question that comes up in most teenagers minds is,"what's in style now?" This year, the style is more of a hip-prince look. The clothing may range from a white or black lace top, to ripped jeans and black hats.

The guys are sporting the Cavaricci-pants look which looks great with a silk shirt. Oddly enough, the style from five years ago is coming back. Lace is coming back into style, different sorts of jewelry is also a popular item. However, unfortuneately, prices in clothing are now extremely expensive. One entire outfit can run at least two hundred dollars. And trying to convince parents that it's worth the money is a hard obstacle to pass.

'With the attitudes of the 60's coming back, so are many of the fashions'

Karen Ondas

People shouldn't worry about what other people are gonna say if they wear something unusual, but in style. Sarah Lounsbury, sophomore says," I think every individual should dress the way they want because every person "is" an individual."

The bottom line is this; wear what you yourself feel comfortable with. Everybody is their own person and setting a trend does not call for strange stares or remarks.

Krissy Rakoczy

TOP TEN MOVIES

1. PRETTY WOMAN
2. GHOST
3. TOTAL RECALL
4. HOME ALONE
5. KINDERGARTEN COP
6. MARKED FOR DEATH
7. MISERY
8. DIE HARD 2
9. EDWARD SCISSORHANDS
10. DAYS OF THUNDER

DIVORCE

COPING WITH A BROKEN HOME

Divorce. A very common subject nowdays but this doesn't make it any less of a crisis. Families get torn apart, and hurting and pain set in for everyone involved. The statistics are now showing that fifty percent of the couples that are getting married, are ending in divorce. But who usually ends up hurting the most in these situations? Sadly enough, the answer is usually the children. Kids are sometimes faced with the decision of who to live with, and this can be a very traumatizing situation to deal with.

Probably the worst thing about any divorce is the lonliness felt after a parent has moved out of the home. Feelings of depression, and fear of change are now the only things you can sometimes find in the place that used to be the only escape from the trouble and fatigue of the outside world.

What can a teenager do in this type of crisis to make it through?

Well, it does seem like your world is turning upside down but you must remember that nothing that happened between your parents is your fault. If a sense of guilt is felt above all of the another feelings of unhappiness, then it is hard to rise above any problem. You also have to remember that you cannot use your family's problems as a cop out for your own failures. Remember, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU SET YOUR MIND TO and it's all up to you and not your parents. Lastly, remember that even though your parents might have left each other for whatever reason, they didn't leave you, and love you just as much as before. I guess I learned this the hard way just as many other people did but just remember to hold on, be strong and stick it out and everything will eventually be OK mabye not good, at least for a while, but eveything will be OK, I promise.

Jill Bartlett

The Movie Scene

Running through the '90-'91 lineup.

This year's top movies brought in a lot of money at the box office. The romantic comedy starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts came in first place in the eyes of our student body. This was "Pretty Woman", of course, which was about a hooker who becomes a businessman's "employee" for a week. They are very different, but eventually they teach each other about real love. Next in line was the film "Ghost" who starred Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, and Whoopi Goldberg. Patrick and Demi portrayed a couple in love who lived together. He could never say "I love you" to her; he could only say "ditto" when she said it to him. They planned on being together forever, but he gets shot and dies. He comes back as a ghost who tries to warn her and tells her he loves her without having to say "ditto". This film made the audience question existence after death. Senior Scott Loane says,"It was touching and funny I enjoyed it." Obviously, a science-fiction thriller about the future made it in our top five. "Total Recall" was a big hit and Arnold proved it to be a success. Although it was very confusing, the scenery and technological machines of the future were interesting. The rest of the movies were very well liked and entertaining. Just in case you may have missed some, go to a video store and rent them out!

Georgia Domsich

Maureen Carroll, Steve Ochman, Larry Scott, Suzanne Demaris plan weekends.

TOP TEN OF TV

1. CHEERS
2. IN LIVING COLOUR
3. SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
4. NIGHT COURT
5. WONDER YEARS
6. L.A. LAW
7. LETTERMAN
8. THREE'S COMPANY
9. DOOGIE HOWSER M.D.
10. DAYS OF OUR LIVES

PROVEN FACT

IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN!

We've tried everything with no success. We've screamed, begged, pleaded, bargained, ignored, and some of us have even resorted to mental telepathy. But nothing has worked on one of the only appliances in every house that has a mind of its own. No matter how badly you want it to, that phone you've been staring at for the last three hours is not going to ring until it's good and ready.

O.K. So he (or she) was supposed to have called hours ago. For lack of a better adage, "A watched kettle never boils." By now you're probably mentally listing the reasons he hasn't called. Car broke down, had to work late, guinea pig chewed through the phone cord, someone cut through the phone lines...enough! The list can be endless, each getting a little more ridiculous than the last.

My advice? Nix the staring contest, pick up the reciever, punch ro dial those little numbers (most likely they're right in front of you by now), and terminate what could end up an interminable night of self torture.

Krysten Schneider

Junior Jill Gatlin waits for a phone call while the hours tick away.

...ZZZ

Those Wild and Crazy Guys

Everyone gets a little crazy once in awhile

Yep. I just knew you'd stop to read this article after seeing the title. When Miss Mayer told us that we could write on anything we wanted to, I thought about maybe writing on the clubs and sports of HHS or something "meaningful" like that. But, you know, I can't think of anything more meaningful than the wierd things students here do to make HHS such a unique place to come everyday.

I'm sure most or many students here are aware of the many unusual things that happen around and in the Highland High vicinity daily. Some of these things might very well look like they serve no purpose. But, in fact, these acts do serve a purpose the sole purpose of laughter. For what would any society (including high schools) be like if there was nothing to laugh about?

For instance, what other school system has been known to go wigging? Otherwise defined as: putting on the most horid wig and hideous clothing you can muster up in your attic, and goto a social event where a lot of people stare at you. Why, you ask, do these crazed maniacs do this? The answer is, for the pure fun of it. It's good to laugh.

Also, how many peole do you know from other towns that actually enjoy hiding from policemen in a mosquito infested ditch, while being infected by poison ivy just because they sprayed a little paint on a bridge? Not many. Why, you ask then, do these people risk their freedom and good health for such a trite reason? Because, it's good to laugh.

Next, there are also a variety of mindless games that the student of good ol' HHS play at the well known "benches". Many have watched or even paricipated in these games at lunch or in the morning before school starts. The sophomores have been known to play the ever popular "kick the can across the hall" which slightly resembles hockey. The junior game has no equipment, but consists only of people jumping on top of one another to create a huge people pile as an end result. Lastly, the seniors put fake animal feces (disgusting isn't it?) on the middle of their hallway and yell and shout as underclassmen accidentally step in it. Why, you ask again, do people participate in such pointless games? If you haven't caught on by now, the answer is: It's good to laugh.

So the real point of this article is to let people know that laughing isn't something that shouldn't be done for fear of being labeled as silly, non caring, or immature. Granted, there is a time and a place for laughter in school, but when it is the right time and place, go ahead laugh! Always remember that laughter is the best medicine and problems are only as bad as you make them. Remember, IT' GOOD TO LAUGH.

Jill Bartlett

Senior Jeanne Ratazak demonstatrates that there's always someplace to act crazy, such as the I.U. Natatorium.

The little kid in Senior Anthony Gill seems to appear in the most unusual ways as he takes a 25 cent ride at Celebration Station.

Doodle, Doodle on the Sheet

Who's the one who's really neat?

DOODLES

Lots of things can be told from handwriting, according to handwriting analysts. Everything from temper, intelligence, and ability to deal with people is shown in the way one makes various letters and in the size, slant, and pressure they use.

Another aspect of graphology, which is the art of studying handwriting, is doodles. While most people feel they are simply playing on paper with a pen or pencil in their hands, in actuality they are revealing many aspects of their personalities, intelligence, psychological state and fears by the types of doodles they make.

Some of the more common doodles people make are the lines which keep forming more and more boxes. These usually progress down a page or up a page. They say many things. This type of doodle shows a need for security, while a desire to be part of the decision making involved in getting that security. The doodle up or down shows the positive or negative feelings the doodle has toward a certain topic. Building houses also shows the need for security.

Making continuous circluar lines is another doodle many people make. This can show a lot by the heavy or light line the writer uses. A heavy line shows a strong emotional memory, when being crossed will always be remebered and probably not forgotten.

Doodles tell much, but they have their own code. A good book will help.

Doodling during a lecture class tells a lot about the writer. Every curly-cue counts!

Is a dream a wish or a message?

Whether at night or during the day

It seems Cinderella started a trend when she sang, " A dream is a wish your heart makes when your fast asleep..." Since then everyone has had something to say or sing, as the case may be, about dreams; from the Everly Brothers' "Dream" to Giant's single, "I'll See You In My Dreams."

But no one has come closer to the truth than the cinder princess herself. Dreams are actually a way your conscience lets you know how you really feel about things. If you have a nightmare, you can be pretty sure the people, places, and things in your waking hours that you didn't want to face, so you pushed it to the back of your mind until your conscience got a hold of it.

Everyone has had or will have at one time or more in their lives the infamous chase dream. You're walking along a dark street and you feel someone following you. You start to run but are either rooted to the spot or hindered by the Jell-O effect. Meanwhile, whoever is following you is catching up. And then there's my personal favorite twist. You can't screamand when you try to, it comes our as a mousy little squeak.

This is where dream interpretation enters into the scenario. The little details in your dream could tell you all you need to know about your unique personality. Even though it may seem that you and one of your friends have had the same dream, there was probably one little twist that made the difference between them. Unless, of course, you're psychic or clairvoyant. But that's a whole other ball game.

Krysten Schneider

Songs to Dream to

1. **In My Dreams** –REO Speedwagon
2. **Only in My Dreams** –Debbie Gibson
3. **These Dreams** –Heart
4. **Dream** –Everly Brothers
5. **Daydream Believer** –The Monkees
6. **I'll See You In My Dreams**–Giant
7. **I Was Only Dreaming** –OMD
8. **Running Down a Dream** –Tom Petty
9. **Dream On** –Aerosmith
10. **Sweet Dreams** –Eurythmics

Students react to war in Gulf; Flags, yellow ribbons fly

Hearing the discussion of Highland students and staff, someone who grew up during the 1960's might think they were experiencing a flashback.

The names on people's lips have changed, however. No longer do HoChi Minh and the Viet Cong dominate the conversation. Now the world is talking about Saddam Hussein and the Republican Guard.The controversy has moved from war in Vietnam to the Middle East.

Predominately, Highland is in support of the United States' action against Iraq's presence in Kuwait. Most feel Saddam Hussein is a madman who must be stopped before he attacks more countries. Many think trying to appease him by allowing him to keep Kuwait will lead to more aggression.

Not all of Highland is in agreement with this, however. Many residents continue to hold an isolationist viewpoint and claim the U.S. has no business trying to be the world's policeman. Others object to military action, concerned that many young Americans will be shedding their blood merely to stop rising oil prices. Anti-war sentiment is also supported by isolationists.

Unlike the sixties, people on either side of the argument are taking care to illustrate their support of America's troops in Saudi Arabia. One can see flags all around town and many students bear red, white, and blue or yellow ribbons to show concern U.S. servicemen.

• Scott Loane

A Member of the Class of '90, Megan Dagley has joined other Highland alumni in the Persian Gulf while flags wave at home.

Worrying about the war, students have turned to prayer and to the consolation of each other.

Coming From The Stars

Capricorn (Dec 22 to Jan 19)
Symbol: The sea goat. You are ambitious, earthy, determined, and shy. Lucky day: Saturday
Famous Capricorn: Elvis Presley

Aquarius (Jan 20 to Feb 18)
Symbol: The water bearer. You are independent, honest, original, and rebellious. You love freedom and music. Lucky day: Saturday. James Dean is a rebel.

Pisces (Feb 19 to March 20)
Symbol: The fish. You are intelligent, sensitive, and moody. You love creativity and uniqueness in people and things. Lucky day: Thursday. Famous Piscean: Albert Einstein.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)
Symbol: The Ram. You are aggressive, self assured, and talkative. You love having your picture taken.
Lucky day: Tuesday. Eddie Murphy matches your sign.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
Symbol: The Bull. You are tough, stubborn, inflexible, strong minded, and dependable. You love company.
Lucky day: Friday. Famous bull: Andre Agassi.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)
Symbol: The Twins. You are full of energy and ask many questions.You love to chat.
Lucky day: Wednesday. Mike Tyson is a twin.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)
Symbol: The Crab. You are down to earth, caring, and creative. You love being needed.
Lucky day: Monday.
Famous Cancer: Ringo Starr.

Leo (July 23 to August 22)
Symbol: The Lion. You are very loyal, proud, self confident, and honest. You love that sense of security. Lucky day: Sunday. Magic Johnson shares your sign.

Virgo (August 23 to Sept 22)
Symbol: The Virgin. You are reliable, and you are a perfectionist. You love when things are perfect. Lucky day: Wednesday. Van Morrison is a Virgo.

Libra (Sept 23 to Oct 22) Symbol: The Scales. You are a great listener, but you are also a little spacy. You are friendly to everyone and love equality.
Lucky day: Friday. John Cougar Mellencamp is a Libra.

Jennette Michalak and her mother Debbie chat at November open house.

Scorpio (Oct 23 to Nov 21) Symbol: The Scorpion. You are curious, emotional, strong willed, and mysterious.You love having such good will power.
Lucky day: Tuesday. Pablo Picasso shares your sign.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 to Dec 21)
Symbol:The Archer.
You are smart, nice, and confident of yourself. You love being the center of attention.
Lucky day: Thursday. Alyssa Milano shares your sign.

ADVICE

Well, sometimes it's like this . . .

Free Speech Free Minds

How do you let a guy know you're interested without scaring him off?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

I wouldn't ask him out right away. Smile and always say "hi" when you see him and maybe call him a few times. When you feel the time is right and if he feels comfortable talking to you, then ask him. What have you got to lose? There are plenty of males out there.

This girl that I've been seeing has been through some bad relationships and she told me from the start she didn't want to get serious. But I really like her and I don't know what I can do to assure her that I'd never hurt her, Suggestions?

Confused

Dear Confused,

There's really nothing you can do to assure her that you won't hurt her. Nobody plans on hurting people when it happens. Just have patience. It may be hard, but it's the best thing to have. She has not gotten over those bad relationships yet. That's going to take time. Right now she doubts that there's a good guy out there. Just don't push her into a relationship, take things slow. She will thank you for it and soon realize that you are a good guy.

Why is it that the past few guys I've liked seemed interested in me and told me how much they liked being with me, yet they didn't want anything more serious than an occasional date? I'm getting so frustrated!!! What am I doing wrong?

Before you run off to a nunnery, take a deep breath and mellow out. Some guys, and girls for that matter, just don't want to get too serious in highschool. They figure they'll have their whole life to be married so why start now? Others want the security of a long standing relationship. You're obviously in the second catagory. All you have to do is find a guy who feels the same and you'll be set.

What do girls really like in guys?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

It seems to me that you're confused! Well, for one thing a girl loves when she can really communicate with a guy. The guy has to been sensitive, caring, good looking, able to hold a conversation, and have a sense of humor. Girls love it when guys are not sexist and do not act superior to the female race.

Jeremy Gallagher collects his thoughts before a Theatre Company show.

Seniors . . .

Thinking of the past four years

Friends.

That is probably the one thing seniors will look back on most. It's not a casual acquaintance or someone who says "hi" occasionally, but someone who will stick by his or her friends through the hard times of life, one can call within the next five years with a problem and be right by your side — no questions asked.

Freshman year was a time of transition for most, and also a very important time for some special friendships to begin. Year after year some of these friendships became stronger and everyone knew who their "real" friends were.

This year's senior class is typical — in some ways. The rowdiness and the "senioritis" is usual for seniors, but this year's seniors were also unique because the closeness and the family-like atmosphere that was felt was almost unbelieveable.

I really believe there is a little place in every one of our hearts where we will always carry the special people who have touched our lives.

To those people who have made my life special, I'll never forget you, and every time I think of you I will smile. In the words of Jon Bon Jovi:

Through the years and miles
between us
It's been a long and lonely ride.
But if I got a call in
the dead of the night
I'd be right by your side.

Jon Bon Jovi

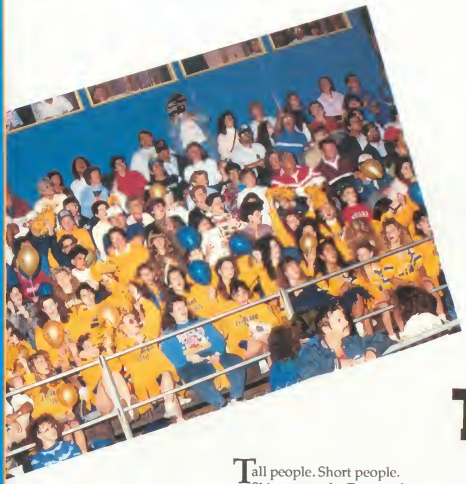
• Jill Bartlett

The friendship of Kristen Macek and Lori Peterson shines through as Lori celebrates her place on the Turnabout Court.

Seven years of growing friendship have been a joy to Jill Bartlett, Krissy Rakoczy and Laura Vanderwall.

Senior benches are not only a place to socialize. As Wende Sudlak finds, they are also a place to study and think.

Not just another face in The Crowd



Tall people. Short people. Skinny people. Fat people . . . All people.

No one person is an exact duplicate of another.

As much as some people would like to emulate others, every individual has something very unique about himself or herself.

No person should ever change to please someone else no matter what others may say or think. "You" are your own person and you achieve your own goals as your inside talent takes over.

As soon as a diploma is in hand, we the people are moving towards different parts of the world and life,but the person inside of us remains the same.

Whether it is something better or something worse, a person is a person in every outlook of life.

As Highland High students move through a world newly marked by war, we continue to grow.

From even the horrors of modern combat we have learned to reach new levels of maturity, patriotism, and understanding of all who share the planet, from whatever culture or area they may come.

With the world changing around us, we remain individuals who will make our mark for generations to come. We will show the world the good which can come **Out Of Our Minds.**

Many kinds of people gather to share a team and a spirit. The same happened as America moved into war and its horrors.

The Class of '91

Moving On With Class!

Senior year is as bittersweet as those lemon suckers everyone used to buy for 10 cents.

Wow, where did the time go? It seems like just three days ago we went to the dome for football state finals, when in reality it was three years. The time went by as a storm of dances, parties, games, and events. Everyone says these are the best years of our lives, but what about the college years? What are they going to be like?

Another storm of dances, parties, games, and events? Probably. Will it all mean anything? Probably. Or is college just a huge party with a $7500 per year cover charge? Probably not. According to senior Amy Willhoit, "College will be a lot of hard work, but it will be fun, too."

In any sense this is still the end of high school. The end of a full time job we have known for four years.

Senior Cathryn Schutte states, "It will be great not to have to come back next fall, but you won't see your friends every day either." For better or worse, they were our high school years and we made them what they were.

Holly Santerior

Senior Class President Shane Karwoski rides the award-winning senior float in the Homecoming Parade.

Any time of the day one can always find some of the Class of '91 making good use of the senior benches.

SENIORS

Andrea Adkins: Aide 2-3, Key Club 4, *Trojanal* 4, Basketball 1-3, Track 1,3-4, Volleyball 1-2, Softball 2-3. **Kristen Almy**: Key Club 4, *Shield* 4, Gymnastics 2-3, Volleyball 1, French Honor Society 4, Quill and Scroll 3-4. **Lori Altgilbers**: Aide 3, Key Club 4, Ski Club 4. **Bob Andreatta**: Aud Staff 1-2, Football 1 2,4, Theatre Co. 1 2. **Jeff D. Bapst**: Aide 4, Letter Club 2-4, Wrestling 1-4. Art Honor Society 1-4, National Honor 3-4.

Craig Barnes, Jill Bartlett: Student Council 1-3, Yearbook 4, Softball 2-4, Basketball 1-3, Letter Club 2-4, Volleyball 1-4, Ski Club 4, Chorus 1-4, President 4, Class Secretary 1-2, VP 3, Prom Queen 3. **Craig Barton**: Aud Staff 3-4, Theatre Co. 3-4, Chorus 3-4. **Michael Bates**: Track 1,3, Ski Club 4. **Allison Bazarko**: Key Club 3-4, Track 2, Theatre Co. 3-4, Chorus 4, Concert Band 1-2, Marching Band 1.

Brian Beanblossom: Aud Staff 1-4, Student Council 4, Tennis 3-4, Theatre Co. 1-4. **Vicki Becker**: Chorus 1 4. **Dave Bedka**: Aide 4, Baseball 1-4, Football 1, Letter Club 3-4, Wrestling 1, NHS 3-4, Prom King 3. **Margarita Benda**: Aide 3, S.A.D.D. 1 2. **Gregory Bennett**: Football 3-4, Track 2-4, Wrestling 4, Ski Club 4.

Kara Berda: Aide 4, Basketball (Mgr.) 3-4, Swimming 1-2, German Club 1-3, Art Honor 2-4, Pres., 4, German Honor 3-4, Majorettes 2-3. **Simone Betchen**: Aide 4, Aud. 2-4, Student Council 1-4, Treasurer 3-4, Tennis 1-2, French Club 1-4, Debate 2,4, Speech 1-4, VP 3, Pres 4, Theatre 1-4, Art Honor 2-4 French Honor 2-4, NHS 3-4, National Merit Finalist 4. **Douglas J. Bidwell**: Aud 1. **Marc Billadeau**: 3-4 VP 4, Football 1, Track 2-4, Spanish Club 2-3, Academic Decathalon, Ski Club 4, NHS 3-4, Treas. 4. **Jeff Blade**: Football 1.

James Bluethmann: CC 2-4, Track 1-4, Ski 4. **Allison Bogusz**: Aide 4, Key Club 3-4, SC 1-4 Sec. 4, Cheerleader 1-4, Letter Club 2-4, Tennis 1, NHS 3-4, Sp. Honor 2-4 Sec. 4. **Jeff Borowiec**: Football 1,3, Ac. Decath. 3. **Michele Bowen**: SC 1-4, French Club 2-4, SADD 2, French Honor 2-4, NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1-4 Band 1-3. **Melanie Branson**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, French Club, Honor 3-4, Ski 4, , NHS 3-4.

Heidi Brennan: *Trojanal* 4, Volleyball 1, Quill & Scroll 4, Chorus 1. **Lisa Bright**: Softball 1-4, BPA 2-3. **Robert Brito**: Key Club 4, Wrestling 1,3, Spanish Club 2,4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4, National Merit Comm. **Bret Brumley**: Ski Club 1,4, Art Honor 2 3. **Deanna Cabrera**: Lettergirls 2, Track 2, Spanish Club 2 4 President 4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 3-4

Brian Camadeca: Swimming 1-3. **Debra Camp**: Aide 3-4, Art Honor 4. **Julie Campbell**: Aide 3-4, Aud Staff 2-4, Key Club 2-4, Lettergirls 4, French Club 3-4, SADD 2, Sight and Sound 3-4, Theatre Co. 2-4, French Honor 3-4, NHS 3-4, Chorus 1-2. **Linda Carlson**: Ger.nan Club 1-4, German Honor 1-4, NHS 3 4, National Semi Finalist 4. **Keith Carstensen**: Aide 2, Football 1,4, Soccer 1,34, BPA 3-4.

Caryn Challman: Aud Staff 4, Key Club 34, Student Council 4, Track 2, Art Honor 1 4, NHS 3 4. **Phillip Chick**: *Trojanal* 2-4, Basketball 1, Football 1-4, German Club 3, German Honor 2-4, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Turnabout 4. **Song Hui Chong**: Key Club 4, Lettergirls 1-2, French Club I 3, Vice Pres. 4, Spanish Club 3-4, Treasurer 4, French Honor 3-4, Spanish Honor 4, Majoretes 2-3. **John Cichon**: Football 1-4, Wrestling 1, German Club 3. **Travis Clarke**.

Cheryl Copeland: BPA 3-4. **Kristen Crum**: Softball 1 -, Basketball 1, Girls Letter Club 3-4, Volleyball 1-4. **Jennifer Curtis**: Aide 3, Key Club 3-4, Lettergirl 2-3, Track 2, Theatre Co. 4, Concert Band 1, Marching Band 1. **Sam Cyrus**: Cross Country 1, Soccer 1, Swimming 2 -3, Track 1, Ski Club 1,4 Vice Pres. 4. **Dawn Czaja**: Shield 4, Softball 2-4.

Shawn Czaja: Aide 4, Football 1-4, Wrestling 1. **Chandra Dasgupta**: Key Club 4, Gymnastics 2-3, French Club 1-4, Vice President 4, Academic Decathalon 4, French Society 3-4 Secretary 4. **Brandy Demaris**: Aide 3-4, Key Club 3-4, Basketball 1, Girls Letter Club 2-4, Volleyball 1-4, SADD 2, NHS 3-4 Secretary 4, Class Secretary 2, Vice President 3-4, Homecoming Court. **Shay DeReamer**: Football 1-4, Swimming 2 4, Track 1-2, Ski Club 1,4, Theatre Co. 1. **Brian De St Jean**: Swimming 1-2.

Cassie Dickey: Aide 3. **Eric Diiiman**. **Georgia Domsich**: Key Club 4, *Shield* 4, Track 2, Academic Decathalon 3-4, NHS 34. **Charissa Dresden**: Key Club 3-4, Secretary 4, Student Council 1-3, Cross Country 3-4, Girls Letter Club 3-4, Track 1-4, Volleyball 1-2, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4. **Jacquelin Eaton**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, BPA 3-4 Vice Pres 4.

Jennifer Echlin: Aide 4, Key Club 3-4 Treasurer 4, Cross Country 2-3, Girls Letter Club 3, Track 1-2, German Club 1-4 Treasurer 4, Ski Club 1, German Honor 2-4 Vice Pres 3, President 4, NHS 3-4. **Jeff Ellis**. **Kevin Elo**: Student Council 4, Cross Country 2, Football 1, Track 1-3, Spanish Club 2-3, Academic Decathalon 3-4, Theatre Co 3 4, NHS Vice Pres 4, Spanish Society 1-3, Concert Band 1-4 President 4, Marching Band 1-4, President 4. **Doug Erb**: Aide 4, Football 1, 3 4. **Debbie Figley**: Girls Letter Club 4, BPA 4, Concert Band 1-2, 4, Marching Band 1-4.






We've seen the future —

And we are it

Ever notice how much seniors and vampires have in common? They both opt for the night life.

They sleep during the day (In class, natch.). You can ward off both with certain objects. With vampires, it's a crucifix. For seniors, it's a textbook. At least the guys don't go around biting the girls on the necks.

On second thought, some of the stuff I've seen in the hallways. . . .

But I digress. Seniors have finally reached it.

The climax. The apex. The pinnacle. (Where's my thesaurus? Ah!) The zenith. The acme. The apogee. The cresendo. The peak. The next to ultimate triumph in modern education! HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION!!!

From learning addition to doing Advanced Calculus. From spelling "receive", to doing a term paper on Shakespeare. From throwing mud at girls, to taking them to rock concerts. From causing trouble for teachers, to — well, causing trouble for teachers.

Did it really take us over a decade to develop that much?

I still remember the good ol' days when my biggest worry was making sure I had glue for art class.

Now I'm in dutch if I forget to bring my scientific calculator to Chemistry. Yes, indeed. We've come a long way, and everyone should feel proud that they have.

So the next time you pop open a Pepsi, pop one open for the Class of '91. We've done well.

Steve Trkulja

Getting into the spirit of dances or a parade, cheerleader Patti Kovach and many seniors enjoy life at HHS.










Jamie Flannigan: Key Club 4, Girls Letter Club 1-4, Swimming 1-4, Track 2-4. **Traci Fozkos**: Key Club 3-4, Student Council 3-4, Girls Letter Club 2-4, Swimming 1-4, French Club 1-4, Theatre Co 1, French Honor 2-4, NHS 3 4. **Megan Fritz**: Swimming 1-3, Tennis 1-4, Art Honor 1-4. **Troy Gagne**: Wrestling 1-2. **Natasha Galic**: Key Club 4, Spanish Club 3, Majorettes 2.

Rachael Gargas: Aide 4, Lettergirls 2-3, Swimming 1, Track 2, Spanish Club 3. **Dave Garmon**: Baseball 1-4, Football 1, Art Honor 3-4, NHS 3 4. R. **Anthony Gil**: Key Club 4, Football 1-4, Soccer 1-3, Wrestling 1-2, Spanish Club 1 4, SADD 1-4, Spanish Honor 4. **Amy Golumbeck**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, Student Council 2,4, Basketball 1-3, Girls Letter Club 3, Tennis 1, Volleyball 2, NHS 3-4, Class Tresurer 1-3. **Alison Gray**: Aide 4, Majorettes1.

Seniority

Does it still exist?

Sen yor'i tis, n.

"State of being senior; superior age; priority of birth; or superiority in rank or office, which presumes superior right to promotion."

"I'm older and I've got better things to do."

"I've earned it!"

In November a survey was taken about how senior feel ab out seniority. When a student reaches his or her senior year the question, "Does seniority still exist?" comes about. Because one is a senior, should he or she have more privileges?

Is it fair that the underclassmen work in their early years of high school more than the upperclassmen? It is a question of students versus age and of ability versus age. Should a student who has been here three years be treated differently from a freshman?

Does the definition of seniority apply to the students at Highland High School? Here is what some answers were:

"What privileges do you think you should have for being a senior?"

"To open lunch, get out of school a few days before graduation, and to have one big senior party." *(Diane Winchill)*

"To have a legal senior ditch day!" *(Marcus Billadeau)*

"Does seniority actually exist?

"No! When I was a freshman I was afraid to go to parties, turnabout, and any other place!" (Tami Kubacki)

• **Marsha Grzybowski**

Juice Jacusis and Dan Price get into the action at the Homecoming Dance, which was held October 6.

CLASS OF 1991

Michelle Greeson: Aide 4, Cheerleader 1, Gymnastics 1-3, Swimming 2, BPA 4, NHS 3 4. **John Grimmer**: Football 1, Soccer 1, Wrestling 1 2. **Marsha Grzybowski**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, Shield 4, Cheerleader 1-4 JV Capt 3, French Club 2-3, French Honor3-4.**Anthony Guilfoyle**: Cross Country 1, Soccer 3-4, Ski Club 4, Chorus 1-3. **Brian Guzek**: Aide 4, Basketball 2 4, Baseball 1-4, Football 1-4, NHS 3-4, Homecoming Court 4.

Cynthia D. Halajcsik: Aide 3 4, Key Club 3-4, Art Honor 2-4, Ski Club 4, Majorette 2-3. **Michael Hall**: Aide 4, Football 1 4, Track 1-4, Art Honor 3-4. Randall Hamilton: French Club 4, French Honor 2-4, English Writing Award 3-4. **Sherry Hanson**: Cheerleader 2-4, Girls Letter Club 4. **Brian Harwood**.










Rebecca Hayes: Swimming 2, Track 2, Orchestra 1-4 President 4, **Kristi Heminger**. **Jodi Herring**: Key Club 4, Lettergirls 2, Track 2, Spanish Club 4, Art Honor 1-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4, Majorettes 3-4. **Douglas Herron**: Football 1-4, Swimming 1-4, Soccer 1-4, Student Council 1, Key Club 1. **Greg Hibbard**: French Honor 2-3, NHS 3-4, National Merit Semi-Finalist 4.

John Hilliard: Football 1-4. Corrie Houchin: Football 1-4, Soccer 1-4, Wrestling 1, 4, Homecoming King 4. **Dawn Hudnall**. **James A. Hullinger**: Football 1. **Lisa Hunter**: Lettergirls 4.

Dan Huppenthal: Baseball 1- 4, Basketball 1-2. **Jacki Hutson**: Aide 4, Aud Staff 3. **Chris Ihnat**: Football 1-4, Track 1, Wrestling 1. **Zeana Isa**: Aide 3, Student Council 4, Spanish Club 1-3, Academic Decathalon 3-4, Art Honor 2-4. **Ryan Jacusis**: Shield 4, Basesball 1 -4, Football 1-4.

Eric Jamroz: Key Club4, Ski Club 1,4. **Ann Juarez. Lorraine Jerome. Vesna Jovicic**: Key Club 4, Basketball 1-3, German Club 1-4, German Honor 3-4. **Kristen Jurjevic**: Key Club 4, Basketball 1.

Jonathan Jusko: Soccer 2,4, Ski Club 4. **Dianna Kaminsky**: Aide 4, Student Council 1-4, Girls Letter Club 4, Track 1-2, Volleyball 1-2. **Robert Kamizeles. Theresa Karin**: Aide 4, Aud Staff 1-4, Stage Asst 3, Stage Manager 3-4, Student Council 3-4, Academic Decathalon 3, Speech Club 3, Theatre Co. 1-4, Vice Pres. 2, President 4, Chorus 3, Concert Band 1, Marching Band 1-4. **Shane Karwoski**: President 4.

Brian Kasper: Soccer 3 4. **Julie Kauchak**: Aide 2,4, Basketball 1, FHA 4, Ski Club 4. **Mary Kenders. Charlie Kerr**: Aud Staff 3, Theatre Co. 3. **Milan Kesic**: Soccer 1-4, Ski Club 1,4.

Brian King.Danielle Kingen; Aide 2-3, Key Club 4, French Club 1-4 Pres.,Spanish Club 2-4, Ski Club 4, French Honor 2-4, National Honor 3-4, Spanish Honor 3-4.**Kristin Knoles**; Aide 4, Aud Staff 1-4 Stage Asst., Stage Mgr., Key Club 4, Student Council 3-4, Speech Club 1,3-4, Theatre Co. 1-4, Chorus 2.**Pete Kollintzas**; Tennis 2-4, French Honor 3, National Honor 3-4.**Patricia Kovach**: Key Club 4, Student Council 2-4, *Shield* 4, Cheerleader 1-4, Girls Letter Club 3-4,Swimming 2,Tennis 1-4,National Honor 3-4, Quill and Scroll 4.

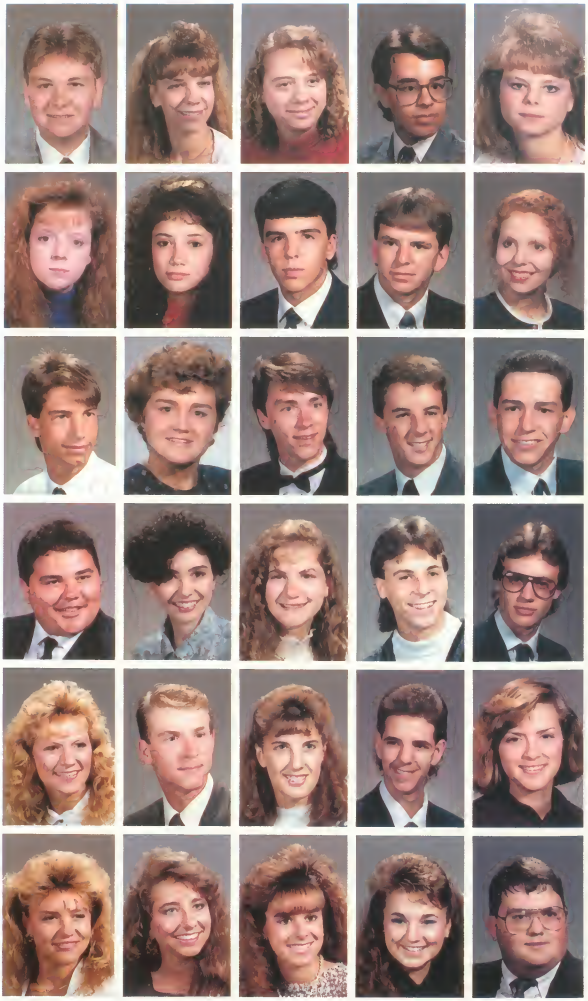
Kristen Krick: Key Club 4, *Trojanal* 4, Gymanstics 3, Swimming 2,Swimmerettes 3-4, Track 2,4, Ski Club 4, Theatre Co. 1-4, Quill and Scroll 4, Chorus 1-4.**Tammy Kubacki**; Aide 3-4, Key Club 3-4, Spanish Club 1, National Honor 4, Majorettes 2-3 .**Bryan Lane**: Basketball 1-4, Cross Country 2-4, Football 1, Track 1-4, **Jim LaSota**: Key Club 4, Football 1-4, Wrestling 1, National Honor 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4.**Leigh Lawrence**: Aide 4, Trojanal 4,Highland Speech Club 1-4, Theatre Co. 1-4, FrenchHonor 2-4, National Honor 3-4,Chorrus 1-3.

Jon Lesczynski: Track 1-4, BPA 4. **Orcena Livengood**: Key Club 4, Spanish Club 4, Speech Club 4. **Scott Loane**: Aide 4, Aud Staff 2-4, *Trojanal* 3-4, News Ed. 3, Editor 4, Tennis 1-3, Student Council 2-4, Vice President 4, SADD 2 4, Speech Club 1-3 Treas. 4, Theatre Co. 2-4 Vice Pres. 4, French Honor 3-4, NHS 4, Quill and Scroll 3-4 President 4. **Neal Locasto**: Key Club 4, Track 1, Wrestling 1-4. **Mark Loehrke**: Tennis 2-3, German Club 1-4, President 4,German 3-4 Sec. 4, NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-4, National Merit Semi Finalist 4.

Antoine Lona: Football 1-4, Wrestling 1-2. **Renee Longhi**: *Trojanal* 2 3, *Shield* 4, Speech Club 3-4, Theatre Co. 3-4, Quill and Scroll 2-4. **Tonya Loscalzo**: Girls Letter Club 1-4, Swimming 1-4, Track 1-4, Spanish Club 2-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 3-4. **Kenneth Lusk**. **Dan MacDonald**.

Karin MacDonald: Key Club 3-4, French 2-4, Theatre 1-4, Chor. 4, Maj. 1-4, Flags 2-4, Co Capt. 2-4. **Sean McCarthy**: Aud 1-4, Asst. Stage Mgr. 3-4, *Trojanal* 4 S C 1-4, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4, Tennis 1-4, Capt. 4, SADD 1-3, Spch 1- 4, Sec. 2, Theatre 1-4, NHS 3-4, Chor. 3. **Sherri McElheny**: Softball 2-4,Letter Club 3-4, Lettergirls 2-3, Chor. 1.**Chuck McGuire**: B'll 1, Bas'ball 2-3, F'ball 1-2, Golf 3, Swmg. 1-2, Wrestling 4, French2, Ski 1-2, Chor. 1, Band 2-3. **Andrea McPheron**: Aud 1-4, Stage Manager 3, Prod.Mgr. 4, SC 4, *Trojanal* 4, Lettergirls 3, Swimming 1, Speech Club 2-4, Theatre 1-4 VP 4, Chor.2-3.

Kristen Macek: Key Club 4, Basketball 1-4, Volleyball 1-3, Softball 1-4.**Cari Machnikowski**: Aide 2, Student Council 4, *Shield* 2, 3, French Club 1-4, Theatre Co 2-4, French Honor 3-4, Chorus 4, Majorettes 2-4, Marching Band 2-4. **Jennifer Marlow**: Aide 3, Key Club 4, Basketball 1, Girls Letter Club 2-4, Volleyball 1-2, Softball 2-4, NHS 2, Class Teasurer 1, Turnabout Court 4. **Becky Mastey**: Aide 3 4, Student Council 4, NHS 3-4.**Gino Maver**: Key Club 4, Soccer 1,Spanish Club 2-3, Academic Decathalon 4, Spanish Honor 4.



Seniors Rule?

Or are the rules being broken?

Seniors rule! It used to be you longed for those senior days when you ruled the school.

But is that still true? Today freshmen seem to be breaking the unwritten laws that used to exist among the student body of the school.

In just two years, things at Highland have made a complete turnaround when the Class of '91 entered their first year at HHS, they basically stuck together.

Senior Brandy Demaris says, "We all just went to someone's house as freshmen. We all just had fun. Freshmen only dreamed about senior parties, going to B.K, sitting on the benches, and going to formal dances."

But for the classes of '93 and '94, those dreams are a reality. Freshmen are seen everywhere from grad parties to formal dances.

How does this make the seniors feel? Kristen Macek says, "I feel like they are a part of us. I can't go anywhere without seeing them. If I had a party I know the majority of them would be freshmen because that's the way it is now." Wende Sudlak states, "All I know is I just don't like it! They are everywhere."

Freshman Linda Montalvo says, "When I am a senior I won't want freshmen hanging around, most likely. My friends like to hang-out with upperclassmen, so I'm not going to just sit home. They, seniors,are nice to us."

In the long run that is the way it should be — simply accepting people as they are no matter what their age.

Laura VanDerWall

Senior involvement means football for some, dances for some like Marsha Gzybowski, and good friends like junior Brian Stephens, with Bob Andretta and Richard Silney.

Patricia Mendoza: Aide 4, Spanish 4, **Denny Mesman**: Football 1, Swimming 1-3, **Julie Metrick**: Aide 3, Key Club 4, BPA 2-3, Ski Club 4, **Jennette Michalak**: Student Council 3 -4, Lettergirls 2-3, French Club 2-3, Ski Club 1, French National Honor 2 Pres 4 , National Honor 3-4, **John Miksis**: Football 1-4, Soccer 3, Track 1, Wrestling 1

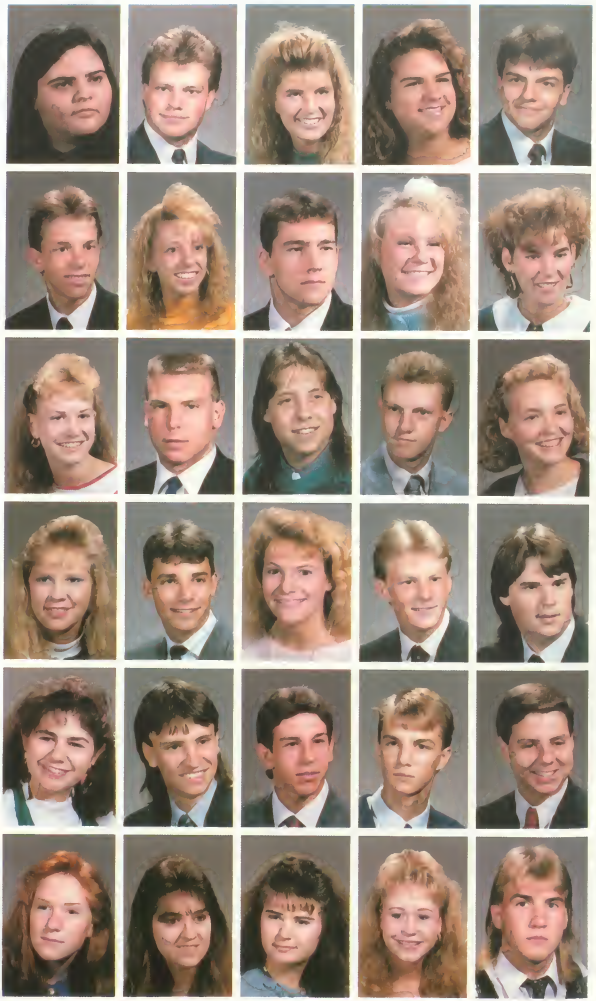
Brian Modjeski: *Trojanal* 2 4, *Shield* 3 4, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1, Tennis 1-4, S.A.D.D. 1, Ski Club 4, National Honor 3-4, Quill and Scroll 2-4, Spanish Honor 2-4, **Heather Moore**: Aide 3-4, Key Club 4, *Shield* 4, **Michael Mordus**: Football 1-4, Soccer 2-4, Wrestling 1, German Club 1-4, German National Honor 4, **Kimberly Morton**: Key Club 4, Girls Letter Club 1-4, Swimming 1, Track 1 2,4, Spanish Club 4, Majorettes 2, Co capt. 3 4, Flags 2, Capt. 3 4, **Tricia Mulcahy**: transfer, Bishop Noll: Basketball 1, Swimming 2, Swimmerettes 3, Ski Club 4

Leslie Murzyn: Key Club 4, Tennis 2-4, **David Nagel**: Aide 3-4, Student Council 4, Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, Golf 3-4, Soccer 3, Track 1,4, French Club 2-3, Ski Club 4, French National Honor 3-4, **Ken Namovice , Paul Nicholls**: Golf 1-4, French National Honor 3-4, **Emma Nielsen**: Aide 2, *Trojanal* 4, German Club 1-4, German National Honor 2, Sec./Treas. 3, 4, National Honor 3-4,

Stephanie Oberg: Aide 4, Key Club 4, **Jeff Olenik**: Key Club 1, Spanish Club 1, Academic Decathalon 2, Ski Club 4, Chorus 3-4, **Karen Ondas**: Aide 2, Key Club 3-4, Student Council 1-4, *Shield* 2 4, Tennis 1-4, Volleyball 1-2, Ski Club 4, Quill and Scroll 3, Sec 4, Class Vice President 1, President 2. **Dave Ondo**: Basketball 1, Cross Country 3-4, Track 1-4. **Jeff O'Rourke**: Football 2, Golf 1-2.

Jennifer Orsag: Aud Staff 2-3, French Club 1-4, Theatre Co 2, Chorus 1. **Jeff Orzechorficz. Mark Ozelie**: Baseball 1-4. **Chad Pavich**: Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-2. **Michael Palowski**: Aide 4, Football 2-4, German Club 1-4, Academic Decathalon 3-4, Debate Club 1, German Honor 3-4, NHS 3-4.

Jamie Pawlus: Key Club 4, Student Council 1-2, Cross Country 1-3, Track 1-2, Art Honor 1-4. **Nicole Pedraza. Kathy Penman. Lori Petersen**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, Softball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Girls Letter Club 2-4, Volleyball 1-2, NHS 3-4, Turnabout Court 4. **Michael Petraitis**: Tennis 1,4, BPA 2-4, German Club 1-3, Ski Club 4.







Julianna Petska: Key Club 3, Student Council 3-4, Cross Country 2-3, Girls Letter Club 2-3, Tennis 1-3, French Club 3, NHS 3 4, Concert Band 1, 3 4, Marching Band 1. **Charlene Pliskey**: Student Council 3-4, Lettergirls 2, Tennis 1, Ski Club 1. **Brian Poi**: Key Club 2-4, Student Council 1, German Club 2-4, Academic Decathalon 3-4, German Honor 2-4, NHS 3-4. **Bruce Poi**: Key Club 3-4, French Honor 3-4, NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-4. **Andy Polen.**





Kristina Popyk: Basketball 1, Lettergirls 4. **Daniel Price**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, Cross Country 1-4, Soccer 3-4, Track 1-4, Wrestling 1-4, Spanish Club 4, Ski Club 1, Spanish Honor 4, Orchestra 1-2. **Michelle Pruim**: BPA 3-4, Class Vice Pres 4. **Kristine Rakoczy**: Aide 1, Key Club 4, *Shield* 4, Volleyball 1, Ski Club 4, Homecoming Court 4. **Jeanne Rataczak**: Aide 3, Swimming 1-4.

Senior Shawn Czaja was an integral member of the Highland Trojan football varsity.

If I were younger again . . .

Only one more week until graduation.

As I walk through the corridor for the very last time, I realize nothing will ever be the same. When I shake Dr. Ventling's hand, I will be done with high school forever, forced into an unknown area — COLLEGE.

Ever since I was young, I was so anxious to get into college, to be on my own. But now that it is time, fear is overtaking me. I can't help but wish I were a few years younger again.

What if something goes wrong? What if I don't get along with my roommate? I am so unsure about everything. What if I get hard classes, and I fail out of school?

Nobody else seems to be scared of college, so why should I be? I just wish I had more time to prepare.

"College does seem scary," I heard one of my friends say after the graduation ceremony. "So was being a freshman in high school, but we all got through that."

When I heard that I felt better. Then I thought of how scared I was when I went to the high school, and I realized that this would not be too bad. I was able to get used to things here, and I will be able to get used to things in college.

Suzy Adad

Jim Rauer: Chorus 1-3. **Michael Ray**: Key Club 3-4, Student Council 1, Basketball 1, Football 2-3, Soccer 1-4, Swimming 3-4, Ski Club 4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 2-4. **Kelly Reams. Douglas Reichmuth**: Wrestling 1-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 3-4.**Jennifer Keatly.**

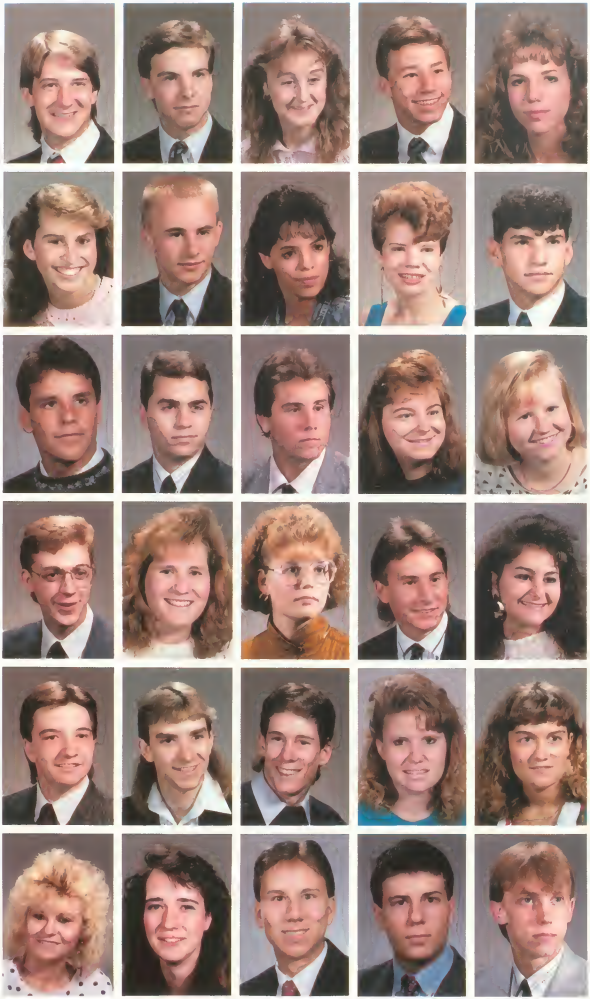
Tracy Repking: Basketball 1, Girls Letter Club 2-4, Swimming 1 4, German Club 1-4, Ski Club 1,4, German Honor 3-4, NHS 3-4. **Ron Reynolds**: Aide 4, Key Club 4, Football 1-3, Track 4, German Club 1-4, German Honor 2-4. **Crystal Rico. Suzanne Rietman. Eric Rockliff**: Aide 4, Football 2, Spanish Club 4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 3-4.

Mike Rossi: Football 1-4, Wrestling 1,Art Honor 2-4, NHS 3-4. **Robert Rubino**: Key Club 3-4, Football 3, Soccer 1-4, Spanish Club 1-2,Ski Club 1,4. **Chuck Ryan**: Football 1-4, Wrestling 1, Marching Band 1. **Holly Santerior**: Aide 4, *Shield* 4, French Honor 3-4. **Krysten Schneider**:Student Council 1-3, *Shield* 2-4, Asst Editor 3-4, Mirage Editor 4, Girls Letter Club 2-4, Swimming 1-4, Tennis 1-3, German Club 1-4, German Honor 3-4, NHS 3-4, Quill&Scroll 2-4 Sec. 2-3, Vice Pres 4.

Matt Schullek: Soccer 1-4, German Club 1-4, German Honor 1-4. **Cathryn Schutte. Jennifer Scofield**: Key Club 4, BPA 3. **John Sepiol**: Aide 4, *Shield* 4, Basketball 1, Football 1, Soccer 1-3,Ski Club 1,4 Pres. 4, Quill & Scroll 3-4, Class Secretary 4. **Emilyn Shabaz**: Aide 4, Basketball 2, Swimming 3, Ski Club 4.

Chris Shideler: Wrestling 1, French Club 1-2. **George Shulock. Richard Silney Jr. Kathleen Skaggs**: German Club 2-3, Majorettes 3, Marching Band 3. **Kathryn Skinner**: Aide 4, Key Club 3-4, Basketball 1, Cheerleader 1, Cross Country 2 3, Girls Letter Club 1-4, Gymnastics 2, Swimming 4, Track 1-4, German Club 1 4, Ski Club 1,4, German Honor 3-4, Vice Pres. 4.

Paula Skudra. Yvonne Slager: Spanish Club 1,4, Theatre Co 1-4, NHS 4, Spanish Honor 4, Concert Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-2. **Kevin Smith**: Key Club 3-4, Basketball 1, Cross Country 2, Football 1, Track 2, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 3-4 Treas. 4. **Jonathan Smigla**: Football 1-2, Wrestling 1-4. **Bernie Smith**: Aide 3, Football 1-4, Swimming 2, Track 1-3, Wrestling 1.



Celebrating life through music means a lot to seniors in the band, and to individuals like Craig Barton.

Robert Smith: Football 1-2. **John Sorota**: French Club 2-3, Theatre Co. 2-4, French Honor 2-3, NHS 3-4, Concert Band 1-4, Marching Band 1-4. **Julie Sowinski**: Key Club 4, Basketball 1. **Jesse Spain**: Aide 3-4, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Ski Club 4, Prom Court 3. **Robert Speck**: A/V 2 4, Key Club 3.

David Spence: Key Club 4, Football 1-4, Track 1, Wrestling 1-4. **Kenneth Spradlin**: Debate Club 4, Ski Club 4. **Chad Starewicz**: Basketball 3, Football 1 2, Tennis 3-4, Ski Club 4. **Phil Stasny. Jason Steiner**: Wrestling 1-2.

Emily Stern: Aud Staff 1-4, Key Club 4, French Club 1-2, Debate 2, 4, SADD 1-3, Speech Club 1-4, Theatre 1-4, Chorus 1-4. **Joe Strazzante**: Wrestling 4. **Wende Sudlak**: Aide 2-4, Basketball 1-3, Football 3, Track 1, Volleyball 1-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor 2, Prom Court 3, Turnabout Court 4. **Jennifer Swinford**: Concert Band 1-2, Marching Band 1-4. **Steve Szczygielski**: Concert Band 1.

Shawn Tampauskas: Soccor 3-4. **Steve Tanis**: Football 2-4. **Amy Temple**: Aide 2-4, Key Club 3-4 (pres. 4), Student Coun. 4, *Shield* 4, Volleyball 1-2, Snowflake 4, Home. Queen 4, Prom Court 3, Softball 1-4, All Conf. and All Area Softball 3. **Steve Trkulja**: *Trojanal* 4. **John Tuskan.**





Jennifer Vandernoord: Aide 4, Softball 2-4, Basketball 1-3, Lettergirls 3-4, Volleyball 2-4. **Laura Vanderwall**: Key Club 4, *Shield* 4, Basketball 1-3, Softball 3. **Donna Vega**: Aide 4, BPA 4, Span. Honor 3-4. **Michelle Vicari**: Key Club 4, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2, Marching Band 1. **Tracey Vischak**: Aide 3-4, Key Club 4, BPA 2-3, French Cl. 3.





Show Time!

Senior thespians, crew & musicians play integral part of HTC productions

As with other school activities, seniors are often the leaders in Highland Theatre Company productions.

With veterans like Leigh Lawrence, Allison Bazarko, and Scott Loane taking many lead roles, seniors are also found managing the backstage, lighting, and house operations of any play.

With the experience and in-depth knowledge of how to make things happen in any activity, the understanding of senior members of any club adds to its successand effectiveness in the school.

Just as in the business world, those who have been part of the grass roots action over a period of time are the perfect ones to rise to positions of leadership.

Part of senior year for many, then, becomes another lesson in preparing for jobs and functioning in the adult world. The hard work eventually pays off.


Veterans performers Allison Bazarko, Scott Loane, and Leigh Lawrence add experience and developed talent to HTC productions.

Joby Vrbanich: Swimming 1-3. **Becky Wakefield**: Track 1-2, Art NHS 2-4. **Tom Walter**: Key Club 4, Concert Band 1-2, Marching Band 1-4. **Jason Westberg**: Chess Club. **Amy Willhoit**: Key Club, Marching Band 1-4, Majorettes 4, Color Guard 1-4.

Marlena Wilson: Track 2, NHS 3-4, Span. HS 3-4. **Dionne Winchell**: Aide 3, Key Club 4. **Scott Winiecki**: Aide 4, Baseball 1-2, Football 1-4, Intermural Basketball 2-4, Boy's Letter, Club Football Rep. 3-4, Most Improved Football 4. **Kristen Wlekinski** Basketball 1-3, Track 1, Most Improved Basketball 3. **Marc Wahadlo**: Baseball 1-4, Football 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Snowflake 1-4.

Jason Woodward: Student Council 3-4, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4 (Co Captain 4), Span. Club 4, NHS 304 (Tres. 4) Span. HS 204 (Vice Pres 4) Class Pres. 3, Nat. Merit Semi Finalist 4, Academic All St. Football 4, 2nd Team All Conf. Football 4. **Christie Wozniak**: Swimming 1 4, Span. Club 4, Art NHS 2 4, NHS 304. **Jessica Zdonek**. Swimming 104, Swim Club 104. **Diana Zych**: Aud. Crew 102, Span. Club 4, Theatre Co. 104, NHS 3-4, Span. HS. 3-4. Concert Band 1-4, March. Band 1-4, Orchestra 2-4, All St. Honors Band 3.

Seniors Not Pictured

Russell Bateman
Rob Bates
Marc Bedella
Marc Bell
Gregory Bennett
Zoran Bicevski
Melissa Burge
Bargoz Cosmin
Rachelle Dewes
John Haney
Kristy Holly
Stefanie Ivers
Jennifer Keightley
Dan Kerr
Scott Kooi
Shawn Parlor
ßJessica Robinson
Daniel Schocke
Jamie Schrock
Laura Sebahar
Judy Seehausen
Angie Smigla
Mike Spitz
Lee Wood

From dances to the cafeteria, Bryan Lane, Lori Altigilbers, Brandy DeMaris and Mike Petraitis enjoy it all.

Graduation

The end of an era

All good things come to and end.

Even things which had their ups and downs come to and end.

And for the Graduating Class of 1991 the years as students of Highland High School, 9135 Erie Street, Highland, Indiana 46322, United States of America, Northern Hemisphere, Planet Earth, Solar System — also come to an end.

What has it all been about?

Many graduates have their own stories to tell, but most will agree it has been a time of learning.

There were enough lessons from all the textbooks, computers, workbooks, projects and of course the teachers. There were lessons learned from participating in sports, clubs, theatre, or journalism. There were lessons of winning and losing, lessons of greater self-realization, lessons in maturity, and lessons in understanding the world and people around us.

Not bad at all for a four year stint

Not bad for a four year stint.

While the world struggles through the new conflicts and problems, we can take away from the Highland years a sense of accomplishment, growth, and greater self-awareness.

The good times will continue in spite of anything, and the memories are ours to treasure for the rest of our lives. No one can take that away.

Lisa Hunter was part of the Natural Helper Weekend at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso.

Patti Kovach and many senior s got help from excellent counselors such as Ms. Kathy Olivotto.

Administration

Self-study, North Central evaluation held; Renovation plans move byond planning stage

This was anything but a year of business as usual in the Highland administration center and at the high school.

Welcoming Dr. Renner Ventling as the new principal, teachers were also happy to welcome back Mrs. Linda Anast as a new assistant principal. After only a few months on the job, Mrs. Anast become Dr. Anast, when her Doctorate in Education was achieved.

While high school administration and faculty worked on reports for the North Central evaluation and the Performance Based Accreditation study, Dr. Cartwright and Dr. Shawver led the beginning work for renovating the junior-senior high school complex. Teachers and staff members met to determine their needs in the new building. With the help of Educational Specialist Dr. Nancy White, architects had prepared a schematic of the new building plan by the end of the year.

Highlights in the renovation will be a new media center and a new swimming pool. Actual work is set to begin in 1992.

Superintendent Dr. Philip E. Cartwright has guided Highland through a busy and challenging year.

Assistent Superintendent Dr. Dennis K. Shawver led renovation meetings, Director of Personnel/Labor Relations Mrs. Judith DeMuth oversaw changes in staff.

Dr. Cartwright discusses renovation plans with members of the School Board at the April meeting.

Dr. Ventling completes first year as Highland Principal

Mrs. Anast returns with Doctorate in Education

Highland welcomed Dr. Renner Ventling as new HHS principal. He worked previsously in Arizona.

Assistent Principals Dr. Linda Anast and Mr. Michael Boskovich led changes in discipline strategies.

Dr. Ventling, Business Coordinator Barbara Lovin and Board President Burt Masepohl are proud of winners.

Konnie Kuiper
Member

Harry Ranney
Secretary

Burton Masepohl
President

Lawrence Vassar
Vice-President

Judith Eller Bell
Member

Mel Anderson, Math
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Marge Bluhm, Art Coordinator **Tim Borowski**, Business **Cindy Boyd**, Math **Ken Bye**, Athletic Coordinator
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Thomas Doukas, Foreign Language Coordinator **Jeannette Erhart**, Library & A.V. **Lee Farley**, Science **Matt Figi**, Math **Sally Fitch**, Art **Douglas Fralinger**, Social Studies
Nancy Giddings, Guidance **Jerry Hedges**, Guidance **James Hill**, Business **Betty Ivers**, English **Gloria Johnson**, English **Darrell Jones**, Math
Douglas Justus, Social Studies Coordinator **Cynthia Kaluf**, Math **Dennis Kaminski**, Foreign Language **Gloria Karr**, English **Eugene Kelly**, Social Studies **Charlotte Kessler**, Math
Martin Kessler, Math **Lynn Kimble**, Special Ed. **Jan Konkoly**, Science Coordinator **Brenda Larsen**, Home Economics **Margaret Leahy**, Foreign Language **Sandra Leeney**, Math
Randall Lemon, English **Elia Lopez**, Foreign Language **Barbara Lovin**, Business **Bill Martin**, English Coordinator **Barbara Mayer**, Journalism, Public Relations **Jerry Mazur**, Science
Doug McCallister, Math **Corally McCann**, Guidance Coordinator **Judith Musselman**, English **Kathleen Nowicki**, Science **John Onoff**, Physical Education **Tammy Paddock**, Math

Doug Pearson, Industrial Arts **Greg Petrin**, Social Studies Teacher of the Year **Bert Poi**, Industrial Arts **Josefina Poropat**, Foreign Language **Debra Pullins**, English **Ann Pyke**, English

Dan Richardson, Science **Diana Rogers**, Foreign Language **Deborah Ryzewski**, Physical Education **Karen Schafer**, Music **Lyn Scheidel**, Special Education **Steve Scherer**, Music Coordinator

Herb Schmidt, Science **Duane Sieb**, Building Trades **Carolyn Slys**, English **Sara Stoner**, Special Education **Michael Sunny**, Social Studies **Alan Swenson**, Media Specialist

Mr. Petrin is Teacher of the Year

Challenging the better to become the best

Behind every successful student there always remains a successful teacher.

As the Class of '91 heads out into the world of work or the world of higher education, the one thing anyone who has succeeded at Highland High can realize is that there were a small group of people in this school who made a difference.

Some were there as caring individuals, who were around after school either to help with extra tutoring or simply to listen to a problem.

Some were there as challengers — asking for more when a student felt he had done enough.

Some were there as coaches, sponsors, and guiding directors through the many extra-curricular events and organizations which exist at HHS.

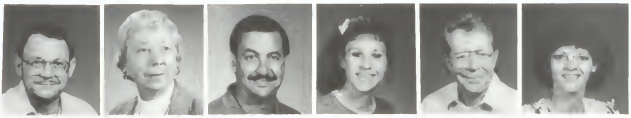
Whatever role they played, it was the teachers who, with their individuality, skill, knowledge and caring professionalism, constantly stayed behind the scenes. They were there, however, and as the diploma comes to rest in one's hands, the truth is evident.

Some of the learning was difficult. Some of the learning was a struggle and a challenge, while other learning seemed to take place effortlessly, simply by following the directions and guidelines a teacher or faculty sponsor set down.

Whether it was this year's Teacher of the Year Mr. Gregory Petrin, or Mr. Martin Kessler, who also makes learning enjoyable, all teachers made a difference. Congratulations to Mr. Petrin, and to all those who taught us well.

Mr. Gregory Petrin Teacher of the Year

Always ready to help during or after school, Mr. Martin Kessler brings enjoyment, knowledge, and care for his students to all his classes.



William Thegze, Math **JoAnn Thompson**, Physical Education **Michael Urban**, Physical Education Asst. Coordinator **Pam Wilson**, Physical Education**David Young**, Social Studies **Karen Zendian**, Business

Part of the Planning — Part of the Process

Total staff assists self-study, prepares for coming renovation

This year was a busy one not only for teachers, but for the administration and total staff as well.

Both the Performance Based Accreditation Study and the North Central Evaluation were conducted. Mr. Lee Farley was the chairperson of both these projects.

In addition, the first stage of plans for the renovation of the junior-senior high school complex began. In this work, staff members met by departments, suggesting and helping design the various facilities which will be available in the newly renovated high school.

At meetings with educational consultant Dr. Nancy White and James Jellife, the architect, staff members began to develop the new Highland look.

Features in the new building will be a media center at the heart of the school, plus a new pool to be built between the junior and senior high school buildings. While not in the original planning, the new 15' deep rule for IHSAA pools came about, and Highland's present pool is only 12' deep.

At the May School Board meeting, schematics for the renovated building were presented. For the first time staff members could see how their input helped design not only the different areas of the building, but their placement in the entire high school.

Renovation work is scheduled to begin in 1992, with the junior and senior high schools finished in 1994. Classes will continue in various parts of the two buildings as work continues.

In addition, many teachers helped the school system in general. For example, Mr. Randall Lemon gave the words at the first elementary Spell Bowl.

English/Speech teacher Mr. Randall Lemon helped at the Elementary Spell Bowl, dictating the words to contestants.

Strong support staff helps keep wheels turning at Highland High

Larry Brechner, Auditorium **Rose Ceperich**, Secretary **Amy Gleason**, Supr. Aide **Linda Hall**, Supervisory Aide **Pat Kerber**, Secretary **Marilyn Kuiper**, Secretary

Georgette Luce, Secretary **Rosa Mazzocco**, Nurse **Janet McDonald**, Treasurer **Sandy Nicholls**, Secretary **Donna O'Rourke**, Secretary **Sue Powell**, Library Aide

Ed Ruebel, Maintenance Chief **Don Scott**, Supervisory Aide

Sarge keeps halls in order

Meeting the demands of an ever-busy front office are the secretaries Mrs. Marilyn Kuiper, Mrs. Donna O'Rourke, and Dr. Ventling's secretary, Mrs. Sandy Nicholls.

From offices to halls, everyone plays a part

Joining the efforts of the administration and faculty, Highland High's support staff performs many duties.

From monitoring the halls done by "Sarge" Scott and Mrs. Linda Hall to operating the principal's office, the main office, and the guidance office, there are many people who help make all the wheels keep turning in this entire operation called Highland High School.

Maintenance people led by Mr. Ed Ruebel, assisted by Pete Gonzalez and the entire crew keep Highland looking good and running smoothly.

Everyone works, and Highland High School keeps moving toward its first and foremost goal —the education of students from the town in Indiana we call Highland.

Class of 1994

By the time it's over — a new school!

Freshman year always brings a sense of newness and hope to every new class.

New friends wait to be found. New challenges appear every week. New successes have a way of finally happening.

Yet with all that is new, freshmen walk into a building that is established and at least some years old.

This freshman class, however, has the distinction of knowing that by the time they are in their senior year, they will have not only gone through an extensive renovation of the Highland High School physical building. They will leave the school as seniors in an entirely new formet, with a new swimming pool, cafeteria, and redesigned rooms and floor plan.

As plans move forward with architects, work for the junior-senior high school complex is scheduled to begin in 1992. During the next two years the freshman class will live through the moving and challenges of renovation occuring while they are attending class.

When their senior year comes around, however, they will be the top class in a newly renovated building which will not only be carpeted in a great degree. It will also be a new facility for modern education, with a Media Center and classrooms designed to take advantage of all the advances technology and education have made.

Not bad for a new class which has learned to adjust and learn.

Laura Abraham not only has gotten into the swing of Highland High School. She is already developing her academic and thinking skills.

FRESHMEN

Lisa Abbott
Laura Abraham
Lori Alcala
Amy Andreatta
Alfredo Anguiano
Jennifer Bahr

Lisa Banas
Jaime Barenie
Richard Barker
Brian Barr
Shannon Bateman
Molly Begala

Robin Beiderhake
George Bell
Marilee Bennington
Matt Benware
Arin Betchen
Patricia Bigott

Larry Boardman
Michelle Bobalik
Jennifer Bognar
Shannon Bondra
Kerri Brown
Ian Broski

Amanda Buck
Mary Burkman
Tom Caddick
Paul Camp
Dawn Carlson
Frank Cash

Stacey Cervik
Dave Chapman
Tim Chervenak
Ukyong Chong
Amy Claesgens
Dena Conn

Althea Crook
Christina Csukardi
Steven Day
Troy Dellorto
Scott Denyes
James Desler

Cherie Dickey
Josh Dillon
Steve Dopka
Bobbie Dowling
Melanie Dubrick
Nathan Dwenger

Amanda Dyson
Kimberly Easto
Randy Eckard
Greg Eder
Patrick Egan
Brian Ehlin

Stephanie Elkins
Eric Ellis
Jeffrey Elo
Amy Ernst
Jennie Evanoff
Judi Fabris

Timothy Fairman
Tazio Fenoglio
Jenny Fillipowicz
Amy Finn
Mike Fisher
William Flanagin

David Flores
Patricia Fogarty
Justin Foote
Amy Fozkos
Blythe Fritz
Kary Fultman

Bob Galic
Karen Gaskey
Bridget Gates
Doug Geyer
Linda Giba
Robert Gomez

Pam Gordon
Tim Gordon
Cameron Govert
Eric Gray
Cherri Greeson
Mandy Gunter

Katherine Haake
January Halls
Amy Hanak
Tanya Harris
Tricia Hart
Phillip Hasier

Joshua Hawkins
Dawn Herman
Antonio Hernandez
Tony Hernandez
Debbie Hmielewski
Cesar Holguin

Jeffrey Holmes
Jim Hope
Paul Hudnall
Karen Hussey
Richard Ippolito
Peter Jachim

Matthew James
Greg Jamrok
Michael Janowski
Monica Jarvis
June Jemenko
Jeremy Johnson

Class of '94 will make a difference

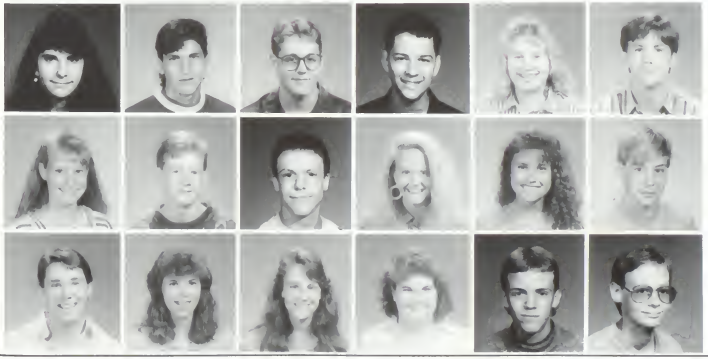
The many faces of Freshman Year have a way of cropping up — in class, in the cafeteria, at football and basketball games, and in the halls.

These faces are those of people who have begun a new venture called high school. The grades of elementary school and junior high are behind.

Now the present finds young people claiming their own place at HHS. They are developing their own identities, fitting who they are with what they are as they belong to various groups.

As the new challenges of sophomore year call to them, most freshmen look forward to learning. With one year of success behind them, they have gained the confidence to try harder and seek new victories.

Above, Fred Mendoza, Shelby Smothers, and Scottie Mulcahy work on a group project in one of their classes. Far left, Dave Steinbeck works in one of the Industrial Technology classes, and Nick Sellis stops at his locker between classes. Directly above, Freshmen Tim Cervenak and Chris Molnar work on plans.



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Chris Molnar
Linda Montalvo
Laura Moore
Natalie Moore

One of the most common attributes of the Class of 1994 since they have become part of the Highland High School family is their enthusiasm for learning and life.

From beginning to make their mark in the academic arena of the school to taking active roles in the various sports teams, clubs, and extra-curricular activities, the freshmen have learned quickly that to feel like one belongs, one must starting belonging to various actitivities throughout the school.

While some freshmen have already become valuable members of the Aud staff and Theatre Company, others have learned to compete with the various sports teams. Several members of the Journalism Class have already begun writing for the school paper.

We have the spirit; We have the pep!

Kim Easto shows some of the spirit and enthusiasm which characterize the Class of 1994.

Rick Morris
Brian Moulesong
Scott Mulcahey
Paul Murzyn
Jason Naglich
Shane Neal

Tina Neal
Ed Negovetich
Amanda Norris
Deborah O'Rourke
Michelle Ondas
Erika Oostman

Richard Opperman
Jan Orban
Chris Orrick
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Victorio Palonis
Alison Pawlis

Jennifer Payne
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Karrie Phillips
Nathaniel Pierson
Dan Pigg
Angela Piroska

Jamieson Piroska
Angie Pizano
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Kevin Price
Melissa Radzinski
Ronald Reed

Mike Reynolds
Misti Rhodes
Jessica Richards
Jennifer Rinas
Erin Ring
Michael Rivera

Melissa Rosaschi
Jason Rozanski
Michael Ruban
Corin Rubio
Tiffeny Sayers
Mike Schroeder

Valerie Scheeringa
Rachel Schmal
Michael Schmidt
Brian Schrock
Nick Sellis
Brandy Sherry

Derrick Sieb
Craig Smith
Katie Smith
Wendy Smith
Shelby Smothers
Michelle Solecki

Ilija Sorgich
Jason Spoljoric
Michelle Sprainis
Melissa Stan
David Steinbeck
Kelly Stone

Laura Strickhorn
Ryan Summers
Jason Swalek
Randy Swinford
Jeremy Swisshelm
Misty Szmuc

Rebecca Tabor
Kevin Tanis
Sarah Tanses
Kristi Taylor
Jason Tharp
Tobi Timm

Brian Toth
Valerie Troppman
Mathew Trudeau
John Turnbull
Bryan Tuskan
Mike Upchurch

Learning the new technology of high school, Mike Laskowski and Jamie Angiano move into the world of higher learning during the first semester.

'From a strong beginning success becomes a stronger possibility'

Tatjana Uzelac
Michelle Vanbodegrave
Rachel Vanderbilt
Karen Vanderwall
Scott Vasaitis
John Vasquez

Ben Waldron
Kelly Walkowiak
Jason Walsh
William Walsh
Kimberly Warnecke
Nathan Weyer

Tonya Willman
Dan Winchell
Adam Wolak
Michael Wolotka
Joel Woodward
Jessica Wories

Paula Zaborowski
Alice Zakrzacki
Kim Zalewski

First Day — First Year!

After all, it wasn't as bad as I had thought!

First day of freshman year.

At the bottom of the barrel, again!

New faces, new atmosphere, new teachers, new classrooms, new everything!!!

I walk through these doors for the very first time as a student of the high school, and I start feeling VERY nervous. I don't know anything about the high school! I don't even know where the cafeteria is!

Everybody seems to tower over me, and I never even thought that I was short! When I walk through the hall, I feel as if everyone is snickering at me because I'm a freshman, and that they know by just looking at me.

By third hour, I finally know where the cafeteria is for lunch. LUNCH!

Now that is bound to be a problem. What if none of my friends have the same lunch as I do? I'll be sitting all alone. People are going to think that I am an anti-socialist! I wish that I would have found out everybodie's lunch earlier. Now what do I do?

Before lunch, I met a couple of people, and we decided to sit together. When we got to the cafeteria, I saw a couple of my friends and we all sat together. It was really neat, we all got to know each other, and got to be friends.

By the end of the day, I had added many more friends to my collection, and I was not alone in the halls. By the end of the week, I never sat alone at lunch again.

High school isn't going to be all that bad. In fact, I can probably get used to it.

'It was an experience!'
Dave Flores

'Freshman — One of the most often used and loudest words I've ever heard.'
Jaime Korzeniewski

Sophomore year brings new responsibilities

The y aren't the "new kids on the block" any more, and yet they aren't at the top of any club or organization. They are young but they're on the way to adulthood. What are they?

Sophomores!

With Sophomore year comes the chance to become more involved with clubs, activities, and sports. There is a certain amount of respectability, and most sophomores live down the term "sophomoritis" to make this second year of high school one which matters.

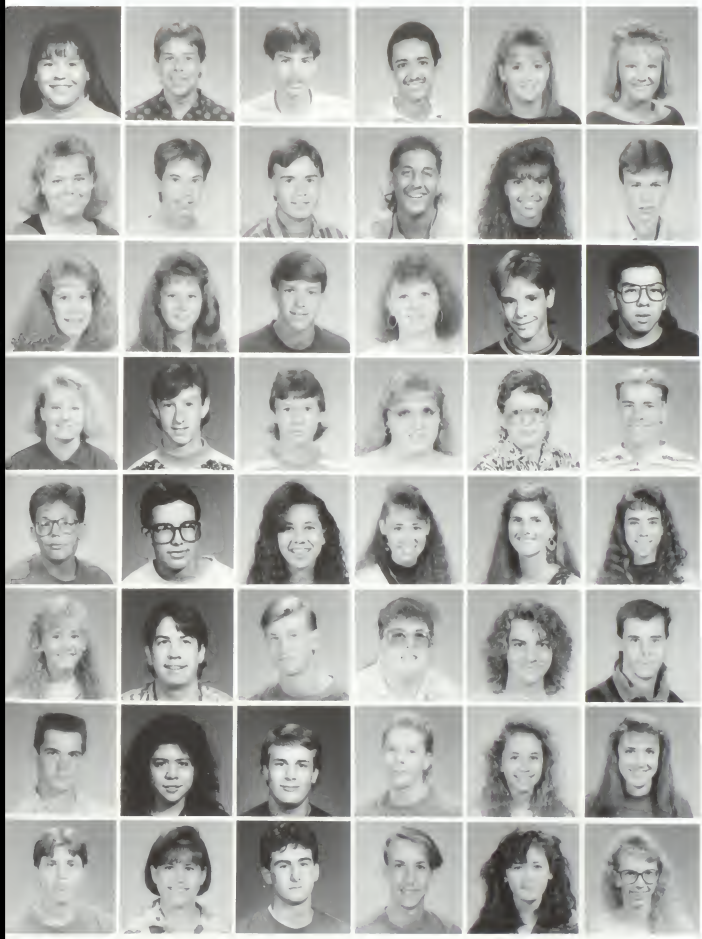
Mike Jasaitis is the president of this year's sophomore class. He is also a member of Student Council.

While membership in many activities is part of sophomore year, it is also time for many to find a part time job or to start making plans for after high school education. Many sophs even take the PSAT test to help prepare for the real one they'll take as juniors.

Sophomores? Yes, they're busy!

Michelle Tucker and Randy Nortman, both sophomores, slow dance during the winter Turnabout.

Pulling for the sophomores in Spirit Week competition is also part of showing class spirit.



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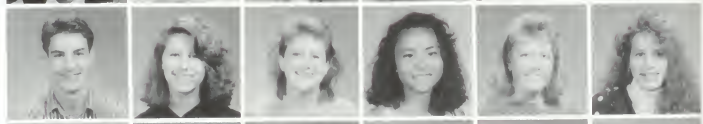

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April Korem
John Kowalski
Joan Krueger
Natalie Kutie
Ted Kutscher
Neal Kwiatkowski

Brian Labus
Mike Lanosman
Tim Latko
Ilke Limoncu
Patty Linden
Brian Linebaugh

Soph City!

The second year brings a world of difference

Sophmore year. The year of in-experience is finally over. No longer in the dugout, but out on the field of maturity and experience.

As we watch friends receive drivers licenses, play varsity sports, and begin to work, we realize how far we have come. It seems as though our high school years are quickly closing in on us.

The changes can be frightening and exciting. Frightening in the sense that it's time for many sophomores to grow up.

• Ilke Limoncu

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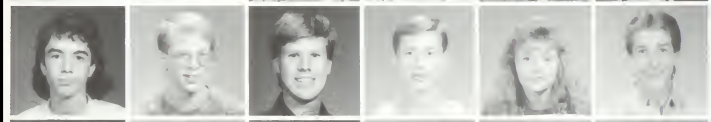

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Sophomore reflects on war

'The liberation of Kuwait has begun'

As the Sophomore Class headed into its second year of high school, they expected everything but a war.

People have suffered and died in the heat of intensifing wars over the past centuries. Since the early days in the history of the world people have engaged themselves in catastrophic wars. Every war has had such devastating effects that it is ludicrous how any one man could start up such a fiasco. That man this year was Saddam Hussein.

Hussein needed to be stopped, so at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 bombs started to fall on Iraq. As the bombs were falling, we in the United States listened to those infamous words "The liberation of Kuwait has begun".

The mood of the public was somber the war affected all of us in a certain way. During the war the school, along withthe rest of the country, was in full support of "Operation Desert Storm".

The flags went up and the yellow ribbons came out to show support for our troops. The " FinalPhase " of the operation took place on Feb. 23. The ground war was just a " mop up " of the Iraqi army after the air strikes. Within hours of the operation, the U.S captured thousands of P.O.W.'s . The ground war lasted 100 hours, which was the greatest land assult in U.S history.

At 8:00 on Feb. 27, 1991, President Bush addressed the nation. His exhilarating first words "Kuwait is liberated" couldn't come at a more perfect time. There was nothing to say but "God Bless America!"

The world is at peace now, and God willing, the peace will continue for the joy and love of everyone.

• **Ed Klapak**

Sophomore Ed Klapak has followed the threat and reality of war with awareness and interest.

Tom Frankiewicz wins Student Council post

Many students feel they have achieved a major hurdle when they survive freshman and sophomore years. It is Junior year, however, when the true Highland spirit really takes hold.

In junior year students begin to carry their weight on all the clubs, sports, extra activities, and in theatre and journalism. Some students actually move to leadership roles in these organizations.

This year was no different. Jenn Jarmula moved into a leadership role in the desktop publishing field in the journalism department, while other juniors began to take leading roles both behind and on stage in Monbeck Auditorium.

In addition to leadership roles, members of the junior class also take on more responsibility. With part-time jobs and more family duties, many learn to balance the extra work in addition to the homework and afterschool activities in which they become involved.

Junior year. A balancing act — but one which can be achieved well.

Junior Tom Frankiewicz ran for Student Council president. He won, and will lead the council next year.

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Michael Bakker
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Richard Ehlin
Gwendolyn Ellis
Bob Ernst

Dawn Fanning
Chuck Fenolio
Amy Ferko
Danielle Figlio
John Filipowicz

Chris Fisher
Julie Flores
Kelley Foster
Joanna Fozkos
Danielle Francoeur

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Jill Gatlin
Laurie Gavranic
Clarissa Gilbert

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Adalia Gonzalez
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Bridget Gordon
George Gordon

Mike Graziani
Joe Griffin
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Jeff Heaps
Corky Heath
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Marnie Tharp
Robert Timm
Marko Trivunovic

Carisa Troppman
Lisa Tucker
Les Turbin
Andrea Turczi
Beverly Turczi

Michael Vanderbilt
Valeria Vazquez
Rafael Velez
Milenko Vukas
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Suzanne Watson
Robert Weede

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Tim Wojno
Jerry Woodward

Doug Worley
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Kwang Yeo
Monika Zakrzacki
Christina Zimmerman

Alex Zsidai
John Zufall
Julie Zurek

Tanya Mullins and Sara Rich enjoy lunch in the cafeteria. Sharing a meal is always a good break in the day.

Below, Mr. Doug Pearson enjoys the tailgate party with his wife Donna and his son, Douglas, Junior.

One of the best places to share —

Over a good meal with good people

Spending wisely is spending very well

While it isn't necessarily true that money actually does make the world go around, someone has said if it doesn't, at least it gives the world a healthy spin.

Part of learning through the high school experience is growing up in an earning and spending world. From the time there were allowances and a little money from baby sitting to part time jobs which often take up too much of the week, the need for money affects all teenagers.

In the following pages advertisers in the area put out words and pictures to lure you into their stores. Many of them have done much for Highland and Highland High, and they deserve your patronage. While many feel it is important to "Buy American", it is also important to support the local businesses which not only give you what you want, but also give back to the Town of Highland through taxes and community support.

There is only so much money any teen has to spend during a week or a month. Trying to spend it wisely and at the same time making it last for the larger expenses of college and life later on is not easy. Learning to buy well and manage money is another way to live well in the spending world.

Even eating at the school cafeteria demands a choice of how much to spend when one is hungry.

Good Luck!

The Class of 1991 officers wish the best to their classmates and the school. They are: Brandy DeMaris, vice-president, Shane Karwoski, president, Marcus Billadeau, secretary, and John Sepiol, treasurer.

Student Council Works For YOU

Congratulations on a great year!

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From senior pictures to the real world

Like many typical Highland graduates, Jennifer Keightley has managed a successful academic career with after school activities.

These include track and field, Majorettes, French Club and Honor Society, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Prom Committee. She, as others, has learned to learn in many ways.

Jennifer Keightley

Avia

Does anybody know what the word avia means?

Bugle Boy

"Excuse me, but are those Bugle Boy jeans you're wearing?"

Dave Bartlett and Don Rench find humor in sophomore year and its changes.

Cheesy

The number one overused word this year.

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Doors

"Come On, Baby, Light My Fire"

Excuses

Well... Ya' see... The dog ate it... Ummm... I lost it...

Jeanette Michalak seems happy without knowing she's being crowned by a background fan.

Flood

It changed the lives of many Highland students.

Ghost

"Ditto"

HELP!
I've fallen and I can't get up.

IDIOTS
They're EVERY-WHERE!

JEALOUSY
You want everything that I've got.

KMart
Better catch that Blue Light Special

LITTLE 500
National party weekend at IU

Morrissey

If you like the Smiths, you'll love Morrissey.

Ninja Turtles

"Cowabunga Dude!"

Oakleys

Can't beach it without 'em.

Pretty Woman

I want the fairytale.

Trainer Scott White keeps Highland athletes in top shape through many sporting seasons.

Question:
"Do next year's seniors get benches?"

Rico
Suave... A new release by Geraldo.

Subway
Highland's favorite hangout.

Tu Green
We care about your lawn.

U B40
A red wine group.

Vanilla Ice
Took it "To the Extreme" with Ice Ice Baby

War In the Gulf

It's finally over.

Yo MTV Raps

Our idea of an Afterschool Special

Z Cavarricci

The only thing to wear

Colophon

Detailing what comes 'Out Of Our Minds'

This year's edition of *The Shield* is the product of a combined effort by staff members, as well as assistant writers from other journalism classes.

The body copy in this book is set in 10 point Palatino type, with 10 point bold Palatino cutlines. Headlines follow the Palatino style, with feature and additional headlines done in Antiqua and Dom Casual type styles.

The yearbook is printed by the Herff Jones Kansas plant, and features art done by junior Mark O'Neill. This art is found not only on the endsheets and dividers, but is also featured in the sports section, as well.

Susan Taylor of Herff Jones was the representative, and Barbara Mayer of the Highland High School faculty serves as Publications Director and adviser/producer of this book.

All typesetting for this annual was done in the Highland High School Journalism Room, using the Pagemaker Desktop Publishing System and the Macintosh computer and laser printer.

The Theme, "Out of Our Minds", is meant to illustrate that many of our actions and the choices we make come out of our minds. What we produce and what we value, as well as what we choose to avoid or not care about comes out of the thinking of our own minds.

Featured in this book is coverage of the Highland flood in November, as well as Highland's reaction to the war in the Persian Gulf. In both features and news, these events are detailed.

During the production of this book, Dr. Renner Ventling was principal of Highland High School, and Dr. Linda Anast and Mr. Michael Boskovich were assistant principals.

The staff hopes readers will enjoy this version of *The 1991 Shield* of Highland High School.

Shield '91

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Out Of Our Minds

So soon since we began, We reach another ending

As new beginnings already loom ahead of us

Always, after a beginning, an end suddenly becomes apparent.

Almost as if the end of this year were in view once we made that sweltering beginning in record heat temperatures at the beginning of the year.

Seems so long ago now. Seems like another time — before the flood — before the war — before so many things which marked this year as one we'll never forget.

Yet in spite if all that happened, we did keep going on. Homecoming and Superstars were as much fun as ever. The classes were just as challenging and the teachers, though concerned about the flood and the war, still kept up the steady pace of learning and growth.

There were the little joys and frustrations, and even when spring came and the war was over in record time, we looked to graduation, to the future, and to what might be ahead for Highland, the world, and ourselves.

Above, Scott Loane, Mike Beko, Becky Malmar, Jessica Stern Cindy Banas, Simone Betchen, Kim Easto, Lori Kocon and little John Leimbach entertain the audience in the spirited spring musical, *Mame*.

Mame 'You charm the husk right off of the corn!'

"Your special fascination'll prove to be inspirational. We think you're just sensational! MAME!" sang the chorus of jubilant southern aristocrats, exclaiming their excitement.

Mame, Theatre Company's Spring Musical, attracted over 1200 people during May. Theatre Company Director Larry Brechner stated, "It was a grand scale production which returned large crowds to Monbeck. It's a shot in the arm that Highland Theatre Company has needed."

Several H.T.C. veterans starred in the show. The part of Mame Dennis was portrayed by Leigh Lawrence, one of Highland's most accomplished performers. "Everybody in the show was awesome," Leigh commented thankfully. "I'm really glad that my senior show went so well."

Mame was student directed by senior Scott Loane. Scott also played Mame's rich southern husband. *Mame*'s "Busom Buddy", the overly theatrical Vera Charles, was played by Lori Popplewell.

Dave Spence made his first stage appearance ever as the pompous and snobby Mr. Babcock. "I had a lot of fun doing this show. It's a great way to end a highschool career," claimed Dave

Highland Theatre Company adopted junior members David Miller and John Leimbach, two Southridge Elementary School students, to play the ten year old leading man Patrick Dennis.

Mame also involved over one hundred students from various facets of the school, including: Theresea Karin led the chorus and managed the Patricks; Simone Betchen who helped choreograph the show, and Andrea McPheron who supervised the set construction and the stage operations.

The show was produced and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brechner. Mr. Craig Deets was musical director. H.T.C. had alumnus Debbie Palowski return to choreograph the show . Mr. Scherer was pit conductor.

"This was the greatest. A real production," summed up the feelings of theatre goers this spring at Monbeck Auditorium.

• **Scott Loane**

Above, Leigh Lawrence in the title role of Mame sings to Southridge star John Patrick Leimbach.

King Jerry Woodward and Queen Rachal Aspan enjoy the first moments as Prom '91 royalty.

Waiting for the intruduction of the court and the coronation, prom goers take a break from dancing.

Prom — Wonderful Tonight!

May 18, 1991 was a very special night for many Highland juniors and seniors.

Eric Clapton 's "You Look Wonderful Tonight" was the theme song of this year's prom.

Court members were chosen by the Junior Class.They are: Mark Sharp, Monika Zakrzacki, Todd Skertich, Nikki Lee, Tina Zimmerman, Jerry Woodward, Rachal Aspan, Mike Rybicki, Kelly Egan, and Jason Quigg. At the ceremonies which occurred midway through prom, the court was introduced. Then Rachel Aspan and Jerry Woodward were announced as Queen and King.

Ms. Brenda Larsen and Ms. Tammy Paddock oversaw the committee members in their first prom sponsorship. Also, for the first time, the Highland Prom was held at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville.

From 6:30 p.m. to midnight The Music Men played a variety of tunes everyone jammed to. Some students were full of spirit. Eric Jamroz, for example, was dancing on someone's shoulders during one number.

By the end of the evening guys were wearing their dates' garters on their arms, and girls were wearing their dates' bow ties around their necks.

According to Andrea Adkins, the centerpieces were a great accent to the decorations in the dance hall.

On Sunday most couples went to traditional places such as Turkey Run and Great America. Melissa Burge and Ryan Kussy went as far as Disneyland for a four day after-prom activity.

• Marsha Grzybowski

Heather Moore kicks off her shoes to get more into the music provided by The Musin Men.

Shay DeReamer impersonates John Travolta as he struts his stuff to a medley of Saturday Night Live.

Lois Burkman poses with her date dor the pictures which will keep prom memories alive for years.

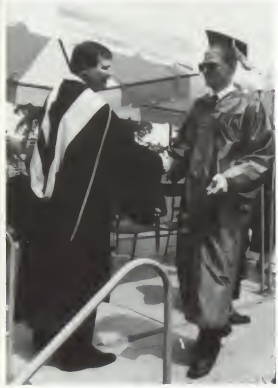
Prom Court: Monika Zakrzacki, Todd Skertich, Nikki Lee, Tina Zimmerman, King Jerry Woodward, Queen Rachel Aspan, Jake Quigg, Kelly Egan, Mike Rybicki, Mark Sharp. They were introduced to prom goers near the end of the prom, and received the applause of those in attendance.

Song Hui Chong and her date enjoy conversation at the table. Dinner was served, featuring chicken and beef.

Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright and School Board President Burton Masepohl begin conferring diplomas. Center, students enter the ceremony. Rev. McCarthy and board members Konnie Kuiper, Judith Bell and Larry Vassar applaud.

Above, Valedictorian Simone Betchen and Salutatorian Jason Woodward address their classmates. Right, Principal Dr. Renner Ventling congratulates one of the graduates.

Simone Betchen, Jason Woodward lead Class of '91 toward the future



In a ceremony which marked a new tradition of teachers and administrators wearing academic robes and cowls, the Class of 1991 marched into the future.

With four years of challenges, some successes and some honest learning behind them, members of the graduating class held their commencement June 9, 1991.

As valedictorian Simone Betchen led her classmates through the ceremonies, members of the Highland Board of School Trustees, led by President Burton Masepohl, Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright, new principal Dr. Renner Ventling and school officials all participated in the graduation. Simone spoke of individuality as well as the resolve to make a mark on the world of the future.

Salutatorian Jason Woodward welcomed his classmates. He celebrated the recent Highland baseball Regional victory, and urged his classmates to meet the challenges ahead of them.

This year's graduation was hailed as one of Highland's finest, with students showing spirit as well as respect for the event and their own achievements. Assistant Principals Dr. Linda Anast and Mr. Michael Boskovich led the class, as well as the class sponsor, Mr. Ken Darrow.

With mortarboard caps sailing at the end of the ceremony, the Class of '91 met the future.

From the touching times to the wonderful times

The year comes into perspective

When it comes down to the end of the school year many memories roar to mind.

In fact, this year they actually come flooding to mind! Looking back to the Highland flood and all the emotions, pain, and rebuilding of homes and lives it took, makes the year one to keep in the Highland history books. And even with the threat, then the start and process — and the conclusion of the Persian Gulf War, there was still time to grow as individuals.

Even though there was a great deal of stress from both these events, students, friends, families and community residents pulled together.

From it all came many experiences — to sift through the mind, to analyze, understand, overcome, and put into perspective. It is these big things as well as so many of the little things which happened in our lives all year which make education an on-going thing.

One thing we know — as we go on into future years, we will take these memories and experiences. When the time comes for our own wisdom,, we will simply look back to what we have experienced this year, and bring all the right feelings and the right answers —

— Out Of Our Minds!

Sharing the little joys like a cat saved from the Highland flood to simply feeling the joy of youth, as is Sarah Damianick made the year a good one.

Photo by Meena Admadzai

And it all ends . . .
as a new era begins.
From our minds we have drawn compassion and understanding for those in the Highland flood.
We have agonized over the fact of war, and cheered with the new joy of patriotism.
Our yellow ribbons and flags made a difference, and from our minds grew new awareness of man and his ability to do good or to use power in cruel, selfish ways.
We watched our school prepare to renew itself in renovation. We met the challenges and grew as persons, always using to the maximum all those things which came
Out Our Our Minds.